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THEXESTIMES Tomorrow

Sonia's story The Italian girl who married Rajiv Gandhi and became part of an Indian dynasty

Living again How the bereaved families and victims of the Harrods bomb have rebuilt their lives Money talk

Last word on the City revolution from Walter B. Riston, retiring head of Citibank

Tartan Cheddar Philip Howard sniffs out Britain's 10p cheese in Scotland

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio compe-tition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yester-day. Mr John Laws of Pimlico, Southampton, each received £1,000. Portfolio list, page 23; how to play, information service, back page.

EEC reveals car price strategy

EEC Commissioners have announced measures to ensure similar models of cars does not vary by more than 12 per cent between Community countries. The ruling was welcomed by the Consumers' Association

Cuts 'conceded'

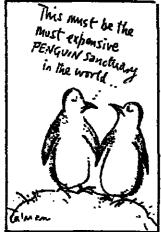
Mr John Cunningham, Labour's environment spokesman, said the Government had conceded rate support grant cuts of £117.8 million for 16 Conservative-controlled coun-

Mauritania coup

President Haidalla of Mauritania ousted in an overnight coup, arrived in Brazzaville, the Congo capital, from the Franco-African summit in Burundi.

Surplus schools

About 600 schools need to be closed by 1990 because of falling pupil numbers, the Audit Commission for Local Authorities said Page 3



Falklands doubt Britain should adopt a more positive tone towards Argentina over the Falklands, the Commons foreign affairs committee said. But it failed to agree on both countries' legal claims

Boxing ban

The Boxing Board of Control will ban block bookings of dates and halls by promoters, a move which could change the structure of British boxing Page 24

Leader page, 15 Leading articles: Medical adver-tising: North London Polytechnics: Samuel Johnson Letters: On housing from Mr David Winnick, MP, and

others, motorway safeguard, from Mr A. K. McCombie; voting rights, from Mr C. Tugendhat and others Books, page 8 James Fenton on the letters of

D. H. Lawrence: Nicholas Shakespeare reviews fiction, and Tim Heald thrillers: Sir Roy Strong on ecclesiastical dress: Patrick Garland reviews

Features, pages 10, 14 Mickhail Gorbachov in perspective: Poland three years after martial law; disinterring a Pitt; danger, builders at work.

Spectrum: why Wogan is on the Obituary, page 16 Mr. Will Paymer, Mr. Victor

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Walker agrees to meet TUC team on pit peace talks

● Moves to end the miners' strike have ● The old argument within the NUM resumed with the Government's agreement about its constitution has been brought to a to meet TUC leaders today or tomorrow to head by the Nottinghamshire moderates' discuss the dispute

● Local authorities have given large amounts of money to striking miners, • Yesterday saw the first coal produced in including additions to social service Yorkshire since the dispute began. Pro-

union within a union" move (page 2)

assistance and donations to support groups duction also began later at a second pit in (page 2) the county (back page)

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

New moves to end the 40- willingness to talk," Mr Eaton week pit strike got under way said last night after the Government

Mr Peter Walker. Secretary of State for Energy, is to meet the seven-member TUC liaison resumption of negotiation, based on the miners' union's formula that the board should that the board should come under pressure to "facilitate a resumption of negotiations between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, was in touch with Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, yesterday afternoon. He said afterwards:
"There are a lot of ideas around, we shall be probing every good idea."

The board was unaware of the initiative until it was announced yesterday evening. Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the board reacted cautiously to the announce-ment, reiterating the board's formal negotiating position.

"If the TUC have persuaded the NUM to recognize the fact that the cost of production is afactor in colliery closures, then we have always expressed a

Stores to

stay shut

on Sunday

By Staff Reporters

Mothercare group yesterday dropped their plans to open stores in England and Wales on the two Sundays left before

Debenhams said it had been

influenced by the Prime Minis-

the Commons this week con-

demning moves before Parlia-

ment had dealt with the Auld

Committee's recommendations

Debenhams added that it

wanted to protect employees

against "unprecedented" legal

moves threatened by some local

The local authorities had

applied for injunctions to stop the proposed Debenhams open-

ings. The applications, due to be

heard tomorrow, were by Guildford, Nuneaton, Bedford,

Nottingham, Derby, Plymouth,

tat Mothercare said last night

that his group would cease

Sunday trading to stop the issue

from becoming "a political weapon". He expected "a

disaster city yesterday, frigh-tened by plans to make its killer

"This is an exodus of fear," said Mr Raj Singh, a factory secretary. "People are stunned

by disaster. They do not trust

People are helpless and you cannot blame them for wanting

duction from Sunday, so that 15

Mirror Group Newspapers, for

which Mr Robert Maxwell paid £100 million in July, is now in French hands. The true

proprietor is the family inter-

ests of Mr Maxwell's French

issue after Reed International sold MGN to Mr Maxwell, he

wife. Elizabeth.

Their fear sprang from the

chemical plant safe.

petrol pumps.

the

Thousands of people fled in an tonnes of the deadly gas that "exodus of fear" from this killed at least 2,000 and injured disaster city yesterday, frigh-

They crammed into buses, no danger, and no need to trains and cars. Last night there evacuate. Mr Arjun Singh, were long lines of vehicles at Chief Minister of Madhya

anyone in authority.

"The place is full of rumours.

said they will provide transport and camps for people who wish

will go into temporary pro- (Our Foreign Staff writes).

By Philip Robinson and William Kay

lisher and proprietor.

The ultimate ownership of was described as both pub-

to leave.

Southampton and Ipswich. Sir Terence Conran of Habi-

authorities against its stores.

ter's unequivocal statement in

Debenhams and the Habitat

Privately, the board's man-

agreed to meet a deputation of agers remain to be persuaded TUC leaders to talk about the that the miners have shifted from their hard-line strategy

out its original intention to shut

pit closure programme, the miners argue that the board should "not proceed" with it, and should make future colliery shutdowns consistent with the provisions of the 1974 Plan for

At the end of their five-hour meeting yesterday the TUC group reaffirmed its determination to help in finding a negotiated settlement and, in plant in South Yorkshire.

national executive committee demonstrated by a clear

majority its support for a further examination of the activities of the Militant Tend-

The party is likely next

month to establish a working party to study the extent of the

influence of the Militant and

Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy

Hattersley, was seen last night

as the start of a new ideological

curb its influence by individual

But the left last night was quick to point out that the

proposed study was not an

inquiry in the organizational

for a general inquiry was

Exodus of fear from Bhopal

The authorities say there is

Pradesh, said he would demon-

strate his confidence by being in

the plant when the operation

Even so, the authorities have

Unconfirmed reports are-

circulating in Bhopal that

chemical warfare experts have

Union Carbide chemical plant after effects of the lethal gas union official and the head of will go into temporary pro-

Mr Maxwell took control of

MGN after making two offers to Reed International. Reed had intended to float MGN as

a separate company on the

Stock Exchange under the chairmanship of Mr Clive

Abbey National Building So-

ciety.
Mr Maxwell's successful

£100 million offer was made

through his Pergamon Press

Ltd, a private family company whose parent is the Liechtens-

Pergamon

tein-registered Per Holding Foundation.

At the NEC a motion calling members.

expulsions cannot succeed.

move, backed by Mr

Labour.

Board and the National Union

of Mineworkers". But if bilateral talks between the miners and the board do take place as a result of the latest initiative the TUC will not supervise the detailed conduct of the talks.

The board was somewhat

taken aback by the TUC's going over its head directly to the minister responsible for the coal industry, but if there is any serious prospect of the union down four million tonness of capacity in the current financial making sufficient concessions year, which ends on March 1 to restart negotiations, the board will pocket its pride and go back into direct discussions

with miners' leaders. The miners' union national executive meeting in Sheffield today will be given a report on the latest steps to restart the peace process. Mr Scargill is expected to be absent, appearing in court in Rotherham to answer a charge of obstruction remaining from the days of the

line with that, had arranged an "urgent meeting" with Mr sider the result among 30,000 union members in Nottinghamrepresentatives will press the shire, who are voting over-Government to do everything whelmingly for a new area open to them to facilitate a constitution that remove them resumption of negotiations from the authority of the between the National Coal national union leadership.

cussion next month, after the left failed by 18 votes to shelve

it altogether, a vote cited by the

centre-right as proving a strong

desire for further action on Militant.

A comfortable majority is

expected both in committee and

showing graphically how the

tendency operates, and how its objectives differ so radically

from Labour's, local parties can

Kinnock told the NEC its aim

would be to educate the party.

The NEC also went close to

backing a motion which would

effectively have committed the

next Labour Government to

actions againt it by its own

At the urging of Mr Kinnock,

report quotes unnamed sources

as saying the experts - from the United States, West Germany, Britain and Canada - are

genuine doctors involved in

● SHEFFIELD: Eight people

last night were barricaded in an office of Union Carbide's British headquarters here in a

protest over "the activities of all

after they undertook not to

cause damage and said they would leave today.

WASHINGTON: Union Carbide's methyl isocyanate plant in West Virginia was

Robert and Elizabeth

Maxwell: family interests

tein authorities are not obliged

to disclose the ownership of

However, sources close to

Mr Maxwell have confirmed

that the foundation owners are Mrs Maxwell's family inter-

companies registered

Police let the protesters stay

defence research.

encouraged to

Labour NEC backs

study of Militant

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

right was claiming victory over set up a working party the left last night after the ruling national executive committee demonstrated by a clear are NEC committee for dis-

other fringe organizations in the the full NEC next month for the

be

battle against Militant, a facit manoeuvre, out-organize and admission that the attempts to ultimately defeat them. Mr

sense and was not the so called reinbursing the NUM for fines purge" many rightwingers incurred as a result of local

withdrawn by agreement, and the motion was referred to the

substituted with the motion, in party's home policy committee the name of Mr Ken Cure, for discussion, by 15 votes to

Our Foreign Staff writes). the Occupational Safety and An Agence France Presse Health Administration.

The Labour Party's centre- and mediation communities, to

months gets pacemaker By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Baby of 10

The heart of a girl aged 10 electronic pacemaker planted in Britain.

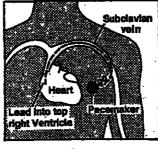
The operation was the third which the baby, Serene Lyons, had undergone. The first was to mend a defect in the nortz and the second to close a hole and repair a valve in other chamb-

... When Serene's mother: Mrs Susan Lyons, brought her back to the Brompton Hospital, London, yesterday for a check-up, from their home in Herne Bay, Kent, Dr Elliott Shine-bourne, paediatric cardiac consultant, described her pro-

He called the operation to insert the pacemaker, perfected and performed by Dr David Ward, the hospital's senior party and produce a document study, which is likely to be highlighting the ideological completed by Easter.

differences between them and It supporters believe that by Dr Shinebourne said it was

possible that as Screne's heart grew stronger it might be possible to do without the electronic aid. Although small - 41mm by



62mm by 6mm thick and weighing 28 grams – it is not the pacemaker's size that is the main advance in treatment.

The innovation is the way in which the instrument is connected to the heart. In addition, it can be reprogrammed by radio control, should Serene need a different pattern of stimulus as she begins to toddle and then

The usual method of connection is to make an incision through which the lead from the pacemaker is attached to the outside of the heart. Dr Ward used a surgically less intrusive procedure, but a much more intricate one in a baby.

He threaded the Telloncoated silver wire, 3mm thick, through the subclavian vessel at the top of the arm into the right ventricle of the heart. A piece of the wire was protruding from its coating to pen-etrate the wall of the heart

Continued on back page, col 6 French connection in Mirror ownership

ests. The connection goes back more than 10 years to when Mr

Maxwell was involved in a

takeover battle with the Ameri-

can company Leasco, then headed by Mr Saul Steinberg, the American financier. French

ownership has been unearthed

during another takeover battle,

this time for John Waddington,

Although Mr Maxwell con-ceded defeat of his £44 million

takeover last night, Wadding-ton has threatened to use

British law to disenfranchise

Mr Maxwell's 23 per cent

maker of the Monopoly game,

on London juggernauts

Serene Lyons with her mother yesterday. (Photograph: John Voos).

at once arrested and charged

with high treason, an offence

which carries a maximum penalty of death.

Mr Archie Gumede, an

elderly African who is one of three national presidents of the United Democratic Front

UDF), a multi-racial alliance of

opposition groups, and Mr Paul

David, a senior member of the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) a

UDF affiliate, were arrested

inside the Barclays Bank Build-

ing in which the consulate is

for the two men as they stepped out of a lift on the ground floor.

hey were taken away through a

side door into a cordoned-off

back street out of sight of a crowd of several thousand

people of all races calling for

their release outside the main

The third member of the consulate sit-in, Mr Billy Nair, another senior NIC member,

vas allowed out, and was borne

away on the shoulders of his supporters as the crowd, chant-

ing "UDF, UDF" and waving clenched fists in the air; surged down the street after them,

entrance.

Police hold two as

Durban sit-in ends

From Michael Hornsby, Durban

anti-apartheid campaigners left hour traffic to a halt.

the haven of the British They said they had whiled consulate in Durban yesterday, where they sought refuge 91 playing cards and talking politics.

Permission for the three men.

to hold a press conference before their departure inside the consulate, a small suite of

rooms on the seventh floor of

the bank building was refused by the British Government,

the sit-id that the consulate could not be used for propaganda purposes.

In a narrow corridor outside

the consulate offices. Mr

Gumede told journalists that

the sit-in had drawn the world's

attention to circumstances under which the black people in

South Africa live" and had

exposed "the mechanics by

which the state maintains its

colleagues were afraid of arrest.

We as freedom fighters are

struggle irrespective of the consequences" he said.

"the psychological warfare"

used against them by the British Government, which had con-

stantly put pressure on them to leave the consulate. They said,

however, that conditions had

been "bearable", despite their being kept in a single room.

All three men complained of

prepared to continue

Mr Nair said neither he or his

policies of repression".

ch has insisted throughout

Three leading South African bringing late afternoon rush

By Colin Hughes

The decision, taken yester-day, will come into force next

goods vehicles of more than 16.5 tonnes in laden weight,

markets.
The ban covers the 610

At present the council estimates that more than 25,000 lorries use London streets at night because clearer roads mean they can move through the capital more quickly than in daylight. The ban is being imposed to ease the stress on at least 250,000 London residents who the council believe suffer disturbance

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Transport, has said he will contest the decision: GLC lawyers have advised that councillors are within their powers to issue the order, but Mr Ridley believes he can force a public inquiry. If he succeeds, the inquiry is likely to be brief, since the GLC has spent more than three years

stake in Waddington unless true ownership of the foun-

Thatcher favours some ads on BBC

By Julian Haviland and David Hewson

The Prime Minister is in favour of advertising being carried on a limited number of BBC television and radio programmes, it was stated on her behalf yesterday.

The disclosure of what was said to be Mrs Margaret Thatcher's long-held view, was made, by apparent coincidence, on the day that the BBC opened a campaign to increase the ee by more than 40 per cent to

Within a few hours of the BBC's new target being made public. MPs were reporting telephone calls from constituents saying that the proposed increase was excessive. One Conservative MP said that reaction from his constituents suggested that the Government would be most unwise to allow the full increase.

Many Conservatives were preparing to urge the Prime Minister and Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, who has the formal responsibility, to examine closely recent increases in BBC staff levels and rates of

Official sources yesterday stressed that the question of whether the BBC should advertise was not under consideration by Ministers, and would not be considered in the context of the present application for an increased increase thinking Cabinet's collective thinking more often than not tends to accord with the Prime Ministherefore foreshadow the future shape of broadcasting.

Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, revealed yesterday that a £65 licence fee had been requested, at the start of a campaign to convince the public it was the best bargain in Britain,

The Government is unlikely to reach a decision until shortly before the present arrangement expires. The BBC's decision to go public will be frowned on by the Home Office. Traditionally. the licence fee negotiations take place in private, but Mr Young cited a speech by the Home Secretary, calling on broad-casters to justify themselves to the public, as evidence that an open compaign was warranted.

The corporation's openness will not extend to publishing the "value for money" survey of the BBC being carries out by outside accountants at the

request of the Home Secretary. Mr Young said that the survey, which was due to be delivered at the end of this month, might contain confiden-tial material it would be inappropriate to make public Four separate surveys wer being carried out, of which th Peat Marwick investigation wa

The BBC was aware the nev licence fee might prove difficul for the needy, said Mr Young Continued on back page, col ?

Night ban

Juggernaut lorries are to be

banned at night and weekends from the roads of Greater London, by what councillors claim is Britain's "biggest-ever

June, unless the Government succeeds in forcing a public inquiry to challenge and pre-The ban includes all heavy

effectively three-axle articulated granted an exemption licence. Exemptions have been included mainly to enabel lorries carrying fresh food to deliver to

square miles of Greater London between 9pm and 7am, and from 1pm on Saturdays, except for a handful of major trunk heavy goods traffic.

because of the din.

compiling evidence in support

Not many people know that when the Martians land in Huddersfield they'll be reading bumf-it's the best medicine

NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT! Michael Caine's almanac of amazing information £6.95

WHEN THE MARTIANS LAND IN HUDDERSFIELD Mike Harding's Christmas annual for adults £5.95

BUMF Alan Coren's dazzling new collection; 'full of comic feats' £5.95

THE BEST MEDICINE Graeme Garden's book of medical humour £5.95

Best selling humour from Robson this Christmas

Rubson Books

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Tory shires also Drivers defy to lose rate support grants, Labour says

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

John Cunningham, reward for Tory Surrey County Labour's environment spokes. Council - whose leading MP is man, said yesterday that the Local Government Minister Government had concealed rate Kenneth Baker - if it spends at support grant cuts of £117.8 the Government's target for million for 16 Conservativecontrolled counties in Tuesof £15.7 million in cash terms. day's statement to the equivalent to a precept increase

He said that the Tory shires would be faced with substantial staggering £19 million loss of rate increases or cuts in grant equivalent to an 8p education and social services in county precept. For Berkshire, 1985-86 as a direct result of the specially singled out in the

change.
Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary grant is £10.4 million, equivaof State for the Environment, lent also to an 8p county had tried to convey the precept."
impression. Mr Cunningham Mr Cunningham's figures said, that the "so-called low-confirmed by the Department spending shire counties were of Environment last night, were being given preferential treat- (figures in millions of pounds): with higher spending

targets.
But he added: "As a result of the substantial reduction in block-grant - over £600 million in real terms – very tew councils will receive even the same in cash terms next year as they did length 19 cash terms next year as they did length 15.

It was declared government thank policy to burden the ratepayers with even greater rate bills as Surrey grant was cut back each year.

Mr Cunningham said: "The Wits

fog alert as crash inquiry opens

By David Cross

The M25 around London. scene of the multiple crash on Tuesday, was still being treated vesterday by some car and lorry drivers as a race-track, despite fresh warnings by traffic authorities to take special care in the

fog.
Surrey and Kent police reported that a minority of motorists were driving too fast in poor visibility within a few miles of the scene near Limpsfield where rescue services were clearing the charred remains of 22 vehicles and their occupants, including nine heavy-goods

Surrey police, who yesterday launched an inquiry into the accident, said that occasional fires had broken out as pieces of wreckage were removed.

The final toll last night stood at nine or 10, but the police said badly burnt and mutilated that they were unidentifiable.

In their efforts to name the dead, the authorities were having to use vehicle licence plate numbers to get in touch with families for details of how many occupants were likely to have been in each vehicle at the time of impact. No names were

However, the debris had been cleared and repairs were being made to the road surface in time for an anticipated reopening this morning of the closed section between junctions five

and six.
The investigation into the crash, details of which are being sent to Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport will focus on a number of factors, not least the disclosure by the police that warning amber lights near the crash site were off at the time of the

According to the Meteorological Office in Bracknell. dense and patchy fog in the Kent and Surrey areas had not been anticipated until 5.25 am. when the AA was in touch with

their forecasting bureau. The warning was transmitted routinely by the London Weather Centre and reached routinely Kent police headquarters at 5.51 am. By the time it reached all Kent police stations at 6.18 am the crash had occurred.

As the dense patches of fog still clung to many parts of central and eastern England, the catalogue of traffic accidents

continued to rise. in the worst incident, two members of the pop group, Bucks Fizz, were yesterday undergoing hospital surgery after their coach was involved in a head-on collision with a lorry on the Great North Road

on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne_ Mike Nolan and Cheryl Baker were having glass re moved from their backs and legs. Two other singers, Bobby Gee and Jay Aston, were able to return to their hotel after hospital treatment.

What do we give Aunty? She has such EXTRAVAGANT tastes!

Mr Cunningham said: "The **Tory Oxfordshire** enters cuts fray

have a majority of three on the

people will be delighted with the

Government's attempts to con-

politan Authorities estimated

would lose Government grant

Shires London

Parliament, page 4

The Association of Metro-

trol rates.

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent Oxfordshire vesterday became been stung by Mr Jenkin's claim the first of several Conserva- on Tuesday the "our undertaktive-led councils facing grant ings to the shires have been met cuts to demand an explanation to the letter". Conservatives from the Government.

Mr Eric Bond, leader of the council. Like other shire councouncil, predicted a steep rate ties. Oxfordshire will hold rise in the county next year and elections next May.
called for a meeting about it Mr Bond said it was unfair with Mr Patrick Jenkin, Sec- that so much grant should be retary of State for the Environ- cut from his council, which had

Government issued spending limits. "This contra-on Tuesday which dicts Mr Jenkin's claim that that several county councils faced cuts in government grant totalling more than £100 million. Oxfordshire is to be cut from £49 million to less than £40 million and Conservative-led Surrey from £50 million to £36 million.

on to £36 million. from the rate-support grant But the Government omitted settlement announced by ministo issue its own calculations ters on Tuesday. showing that the English shires would receive a smaller share next year than that of the total grant being paid by the Government towards council

The calculations were tached to papers given council representatives on the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance. But the version of the papers which was later made public did not include the calculations.

Correspondent

East at the next general election.

The former deputy Labour leader, who is 67, has reudiated

weekend press reports that he

intends to retire from politics at

the next election. He has told

be Foreign Secretary in the next

Mr Healey was challenged by

a hard-left opponent in the last

contest without difficulty, and it

is thought possible that he

might be returned unopposed in

the forthcoming reselection

His decision to stay on

reflects a strong confidence in

Labour government.

friends that he would still like to

Mr Denis Healey has decided

Mr Bond made clear that Oxfordshire councillors had

Healey decides Tories braced to stand for slump in for reselection **Enfield majority** By Our Political

Conservative Party managers last night braced themselves for a dramatic slump in support in that he will stand for reselection as Labour candidate for Leeds today's Enfield, Southgate, byelection, although they believed they had contained a late surge by the Liberal-SDP Alliance.

After a frantic final day's canvassing by both main camps, Alliance strategists were saying privately that the win-ning margin for either party would be no more than 2,000.

The Tories were resigned to seeing their 15.800 general election majority cuty by at least half, but they remained confident of holding the seat. unless there was a very low turnout or a last-minute collapse of the Labour vote.

All three parties were agreed that the turn-out is likely to be between 50 and 55 per cent

GAMMA RAY 19%

COSMIC 14%

'Corpse in the library' dispute

By David Nicholson-Lord bizarre new dim Plymouth yesterday when a lacal painter steadfastly refused to hand over the body of a dead tramp so that the health authorities could give him a decent British burial.

In a plot more reminiscent of Hammer film than an arcane bureaucratic wrangle, Mr Robert Lenkiewicz wants the tramp, Mr Edwin McKenzie, embalmed, coated in acrylic and displayed naked in his library as a memento mori and a reminder of life's great

Mr McKenzie, who was befriended by Mr Lenkiewicz and named Diogenes because he lived in a barrel on a rubbish tip, died six weeks ago at the age of 72. Mr Lenkiewicz envisages his future role as something like a large paper-

Plymouth City Comcil, however, is having none of it. It has invoked the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act, 1984, taken counsel's opinion and is threatening Mr Lenkiewicz

with legal action.

Mr Michael Fox, the city's mr Michael Fox, the cay's environmental health officer, said yesterdays "Mr Lenkie, wicz assures us that displaying corpses in people's hones is a custom around the world, in places like Mixico or Italy. But this in not Mexico or Italy. This is Plymouth."

The atfair has attracted considerable publicity and is of what the Act means "suitable arrangements" the disposal of bodies. Mr Fox described it as "unique" and said he hoped the dispute would go to the courts so that

Letters, page 15 would go to the courts so the law could be clarified.

BMA bans doctors' aid in drawing up drugs list

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Medical Association vesterday ordered doctors to refuse to 29,000 family doctors urging help health ministers to draw up them to write to MPs and

In an unprecedented move, their patients to do the same. the executive said: "Doctors should not enter into discussion with the health departments on proposals to limit prescribing by regulation".

Family doctors' leaders have already refused to negotiate over the limited list, and the BMA's council is now being asked to approve an approach by the association as a whole to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, to discuss other ways of cutting the health service drugs bill. But a

RADON 32%

THORON

The executive of the British not be discussing a limited list". Letters have gone to all a limited list of drugs for ministers about the Govern-National Health Service use. ment's proposals, and to urge

Dr John Marks, chairman of the BMA council, said: "I do not believe it is possible to compile a national list which will not cause confusion to patients and damage in some cases". The association was happy to see doctors agreeing a limited local lists which could be over-ridden when a patient had particular needs.

The BMA believed the proposal was contrary to the spirit of the NHS Act, which said that a comprehensive BMA spokesman said: "We will service should be provided

Five men found guilty of hunting for badgers in a Derbyshire wood lost their appeals yesterday against the main convictions against them.

· The men, all members of terner dog clubs, were convicted by Alfreton magistrates in Derbyshire last May after the Derbyshire Naturalists Trust

spades and a Land Rover equipped with a steel cage.

appeal against a conviction under Section 1 of the Badgers Act. 1973, but their appeal against a conviction under Section 2 of the Act; relating to physically digging for a badger, was allowed on the ground of insufficient evidence:

Four of the man, who had been fined total of £500 each, had their fines reduce to £250 each. They wore: Phillip Martinon aged 21, "of Fredford, and Kevir Bained aged 30, of Stanban Hill. Foul Cartwright each 45, of Cartwright, and the Mottingham shife.

The fifth their. David bearis, aged 22, of Alfreign, had been conditionably discharged and his discharge is to stand. Each of the man was ordered to pay £100 towards the trial's cost.

Union faces federation battle By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The miners' strike

The move by moderate miners in Nottinghamshire to set up a "union within a union" has brought to a head the longrunning argument within the National Union of Mineworkers about whether it is a single union or a federation. When it was formed out of

the old Mining Federation of Great Britain, in 1944, it was intended to act as an industrial un union "to secure the complete organization in the union of all workers employed in or connected with the mining industry of Great Britain."

But the 20 "constituent associations", mostly coalfield areas of the union, continued to be unions in their own right and to have funds of their own. They still submit annual returns to the Certification Officer and

world to sustain current pro-

no signs of demand increasing

Mr Baylis adds: "Current

provides assured and relatively

other industrial users.

duction for another 235 years.

The union's rule book makes without being called to book, lear that it's 26 ann national and the only time this state of clear that it's 26 aan national executive committee has "overriding authority" over the areas, and in a section laying down any matter in which there is a conflict between the rules of the constituent association and the national union, the rules of the national union shall apply."

Rule 30 of the national book sists: "The decisions of the insists: "The decisions of the national executive committee on all matters and business which it undertakes or transacts under the union's rules and constitution shall be binding". The only way this authority can be overruled is by an appeal to the union's annual conference or a special delegate conference.

national executive, no area had In practice, however, the jealously guard their "indepen- areas have regularly defied the dence" from the national union. national executive committee attempted to enshrine that Little prospect of Britain Cash spent on the miners

expanding coal exports By David Young, Energy Correspondent

There is little prospect of of coking coal, is of serious Britain expanding its coal concern to coal producers who industry through exports, acinvested considerable sums in cording to a new study issued the expectation that overseas by the institute of Directors, which is bows that there are enough economically recoverdemand would continue to grow rapidly. The report suggests that able coal reserves in the free

European coal consumers will increasingly turn to imports from Australia, Canada, South Africa and South America, and The study, prepared by Mr Kenneth Baylis of RTZ Oil and adds that coal-handling facili-Gas, also shows that there are ties could be improved at certain ports.

steel-making technology and increased use of plastics and overcapacity in coal production alloy steels, the report adds, "There are few grounds for thinking that coking coal low cost supplies to coal thinking that coking coal importers. At the same time the exports will do more than

strike was fully authorized by the union, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, for the Derby-shire Area National Union of Mineworkers and three of its officials, told a High Court judge in London yesterday. He was opposing a move by two working miners who want a court order requiring the three to personally repay £1.7 million already spent on the strike. Mr Bill Payster, former

affairs has been tested in court. the judge found in favour of the

That was in 1977, when the

right-wing South Derbyshire

and Leicestershire areas decided

to defy the result of a national

ballot and negotiate with the National Coal Board at area

level for the introduction of

incentive bonus schemes. They

were subsequently followed by

However, until the Notting-

hamshire area chose this week

to seek the approval of its

members for a new constitution

that would effectively make the

coaifield de jure as well as de

relationship in its rules.

independent of

all the other areas.

president and general secretary of the South Wales NUM, has died aged 81. Coal reserves estimated at

180 million tonnes have been discovered on the Nottingham-

A five-year exploration programme, involving 89 borehole in the 190 square miles within the Newark, Lincoln and Tuxford areas, has found evidence of seven coal seams

present overcapacity, especially stagnate in the 1990s." Councils aid striking miners

Many other councils have

iven extra free school meals or

food parcels during school

Doncaster Borough Council has extended the facilities it

offers to all children eligible for

free meals. More than 6,000 of

these 17,000 pupils are the children of striking miners. The council has allocated £85,000 to

provide each child, with a £5

ood voucher for the 11-day

bringing a circus out of its winter quarters to perform for

the children and is allocating

them 150 free seats at every performance of Dick Whitting-

ton at the Doncaster Civic

Leeds City Council has paid

It is also spending £1,000 on

Christmas break

holidays.

By Paul Vallely

Substantial amounts of Kirkaldy money have been given by local £8,000; Dunfermline District authorities to striking miners, Council, £2,000; Dinefwr authorities to striking miners, ranging from extensions of Borough Council, £1,500.

social services to donations to support groups.

The greatest burden to ratepayers has been produced by district councils responsible education and social services in strike strongholds

such as Yorkshire and South Barnsley calculates that it has spent £75,000 a week in extra services for strikers families.

The current total is £1.4 illion which includes £271,000 in extra rate and rent rebates, £455,000 for the increased numbers eligible for free school meals and £332,000 in weekly £10 food vouchers to the parents of children who would otherwise have to be taken into local authority care.

Other local authorities have Derbyshire County Council has spent £233,000 during the strike on providing a food made donations to hardship funds. They include: Tyne and Wear County Council, £200,000; South Yorkshire County Council, £100.000; parcel with an average value of £3 every week for every child in families living on less than the Strathclyde Regional Council, £50,000; minimum social security bene-

Chesterfield Borough Council, £50,000: Glasgow City Council, £30,000: Bolsover District Council, £18,000; Lothian £30,000; Bolsover District £43,600 to finance free meals Council, £18,000; Lothian during school holidays and a Regional Council, £10,000; further £24,600 for food for Dyfed County Council, £10,000; under fives. Nottinghamshire

County Council has given £21,000 to miners' wives support groups and to organiza-

tions providing food parcels. West Glamorgan County Council found £9,500 to make up percels of tinned foods for South Wales NUM members.

Free or concessionary admission to sports and leisure centres for striking miners and families has been authorized by Gwent, Kirkcaldy, Chesterfield and West Glamorgan authorites. Rent-free premises for strike committees or wives support groups have been allocated in Bassetlow and Chesterfield, where council telephones are also available for the support committees.

Strikers in Bolsover can get free council saunas. In Glasgow, the city council has paid for 1,100 pantomime tickets for strikers families to see The

Sleeping Beauty.

In Warrington, striking miners, along with anyone else who cannot afford to pay gas or electricity bills, can obtain an interest-free loan.

There is even a facility for strikers to water-ski. South Yorkshire County Council will allow access to two of its water sports centres for half price at certain times of the day.

Farmer to sue chemical plant over toxins

By Ronald Faux The Stirlingshire farmer who complained of disease and abnormalities in his cattle kept near the Re-Chem Plant at Bonnybridge is to sue the company for more that £2, million in damages.

Scrutiny on Whitehall handling of funds

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By David Walker

Social Policy Correspondent The Government has commissioned its top accountant Mr Tony Wilson, recently recruited from the private sector at a salary double that of a Civil Service permanent secretary, to conduct a detailed study of how Whitehall budgets public money.

Mr. Wilson, head of the

Government Accountency
Service, will lead a team of
officials examining the progress. within various departments in putting into operation the Financial Management Initialive unveiled by the Prime Minister in 1982. They are due to report next July.

The Government announce yesterday that it will also tighten management within Whitehall by setting up a Joint-Management Unit, operated by the Treasury and the Manage-ment and Personnel Office, to scrutinize administration. The ultimate aim is to

combine new measures of annual process, masterminded by the Treasury, of sharing our money between departments. The new unit replaces the Financial Management Unit.

Strike-free yard wins £50m order:

and Ronald Faux

A French-owned oil rig yard on Clydebank in Scotland, formerly part of the John Brown engineering group, has won a £50 million order from the United States which could mean 500 new jobs.

The order, won by UIE (Scotland), a subsidiary of the Paris-based Bouygues Offshore! company, was awarded by Transworld Drilling of Okla-homa after union officials at the yard wrote to Transworld saying there had been no strikes for 12 years and that workers would do their utmost to maintain the record.

The strike-free record was a very significant factor in winning the contract, according to Mr Joe Craig, the UIE manag-

The Marathon "Gorilla" class rig. due for delivery in June 1986, will be among the fune 1980, will be among the largest of its type in the world.
Only two other "Gorilla" rigs have been built, one in the US and the other in Singapore; the United Kingdom order was won in the face of competition from previous builders.

Defence costs up by £2.4bn

Changes made by ministers to proposals in Sir John Notes review of 1981 have added over £2.4 billion to defence spending: That figure was given yester-day by Sir Clive Whitmore. Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, in evidence to the House of Commons Defence Committée It excludes the increased cost of the Trident nuclear missile. It also excludes the costs of the

Falkland Islands. Despite the £2.4 billion increase in non-Falkland spending and that from 1986 the Government is assuming there will be no real growth in defence spending. Sir Clive insisted that there would be no need for a new review.

New technology dispute at paper More than 60 members of the Vational Union of Journalists

(NUI) at The News, Porter mouth's evening paper, stopped work yesterday after sub-editors. were suspended for refusing to co-operate with new technology Meanwhile a top-level mea-ing between the NUJ and the National Graphical Association

(NGA), called to solve the dispute and work out a joint approach to new techniques throughout the industry, was adjourned without agreement The NUI members at The_ News stopped work after a woman sub-editor was seen

home for refusing to use a visual display terminal.

Meals staff cut Gloucestershire's 1,150

school meals staff are being made redundant in the first stage of a plan to cut the £1. million school meals subsidy in . favour of a self-financing SCIVICE.

Wildlife killed

Hundreds of fish and water birds were killed yesterday when about 1,000 gallons of petrol from a riverside oil-terminal leaked into the River Don at Oxspring, near Sheffield.

Man dies in fire Mr Handel Evans, aged 73.:

died on Tuesday night in an attempt to save his pet canary when his home in Eigin Road. Pwll, Llanelli, South Wales, caught fire. The Times overseas selling prices

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Radiation linked to insulation

RADIATION: WHERE IT COMES FROM

INTERNAL 17% 💸

NATURAL 87%

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Better insulated houses result in a greater exposure to the population in general from the naturally occurring radioactive gas radon, according to the National Radioactive Protec-Radon gas has increased to

32 per cent simply because buildings increasingly have ventilation systems which allow the gas to accumulate. The recognized hazard of radon is to miners of uranium and some other ores, and, to a lesser extent, coal miners. The conclusion is contained in the latest assessment of all

sources of radiation to which prole are exposed: natural backgound radiation from cosmic ross and that emitted by rocks in the grounds, medical X-rays, occupational doses at nuclear power stations and waste treatment plants.

The chances of death from those forms of natural radiation are still small, compared with the chances of dying from accidents in the home or on the roads, or from smoking. A measurement is also made of the "internal" exposure, or the dose which we give ourselves from substances like

uranium and thorium series of

rubidium-87.

elements, all of which may be swallowed with food or inhaled. When the grand total is made of all the sources, the figure is divided by 54 million to work out the average dose to each member of the population: Since the last survey was made six years ago, there have and substances belonging to the been large changes in the proportions received of the

Miscellaneous 0,5

different types of radiation particularly of medical X-rays. A section of the survey, examining the high-risk groups who live near the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Combria, and those who work there and at nuclear power stations, concludes that tighter measures to centrot emissions are work-

Artificial 13%

Five men on badger hunt lose appeals

took out a private prosecution. Derby Crown Court was told that they had been found at a Woods, near Ambergate, with

The judge dismissed their

Low penalties for driving offenders criticized By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Slavish adherence by magis- penalties in that kind of case trates to sentencing guidelines on road traffic offences was badger sett at Shining Cliff criticized yesterday by Mr Geoffrey Norman, secretary of the Magistrates' Association.

Careless driving, for example, he said, covered a wide range of offences, from a momentary lapse of concentration that could happen to anyone to a deliberate piece of driving with serious consequences, verging on the reckless. Yet magistrates were unwill-

departed greatly from those proposed by the association as the average penalty for a first offender of average means. That is £60 and an endorsement. Mr Norman, who was ad-

being so low unless it was on the ground of the means of the defendant". By contrast, he said, the

policy of the magistrates at Grays, Essex, last Christmas in sentencing drunken drivers to a few days in police custody had been remarkably effective. The association's guidelines for an offence of the kind that

was dealt with by the Grays magistrates was a £120 fine and obligatory disqualification from ing to impose sentences that driving. But the magistrates there were dealing with offenders who had previously offended or were above twice the legal alcohol limit. "The association does not

approve or disapprove of this dressing a conference in Lon-don on sentencing, said there say that it is consistent with our confid be no justification for guidelines."

Mr Andrew Graham, aged 51, said yesterday that a report on milk samples taken from one of his cattle by an independent toxicologist in Germany showed traces of Dioxin, a substance said to be 170,000 times more toxic than cyanide and other toxins.

The report said the results indicate: serious environmental conditions. Mr Graham claims that the dioxins were released in emissionsfrom the smoke stacks But the Scottish Office has consistently maintained that there is no danger to people living in the area.

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Campaign

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succeeding By Michael Horsnell

Written English is getting plainer, notwithstanding the

smoky obfuscations which

dors of form-riddled bureau-

crafic life as we know it in

That is the opinion of Mr John Ward, a National Con-super Council executive, who announced yesterday the Plain English Company's annual

awards.

The campaign's five-year operation to remove gobblede-gook from the language appears to be succeeding, for not only were the Golden Bull boody prize winners yesterday less amusing that usual but smone the fix perpleans of

among the six recipients of awards for plain English were two government ministers rep-

resenting departments once the Amit Sallies of objuscation

Miss Julie Walters, the actress, needed none of the skills of an "educated Rita" in

deciphering the plain from the

obscure when she presented the

Mr Timothy Renton, Under-

Secretary of State at the

Foreign Office, received his

plain English award on behalf of the Central Office of

rmation for an illuminat

Mr Peter Mortison, Minis-

er of State at the Department

of Employment, received his for the Manpower Services Com-

nission's helpful guide on

pnsored training. It was, he

said, a far cry from his early days as a minister, when civil

servants presented him with

the following briefing:
"There is no used to amend section 4A of the 1964 Act to

supply the four new subsections

introduced by subsection 2 of

the Bill to replace subsection 2

of section 7 because subsection

4 of section 4A already refers

back to subsection 2-6 of

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600 schools must close to save money and standards, auditors say

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Education and Science

removing two of every five

That would mean between 90

The report says that between

closed by the end of the 1980s from paying Abetween: £100 in line with falling pupil million and £200 million a year numbers, otherwise the quality of education will suffer and ratepayers will be footing an unnecessarily large bill.

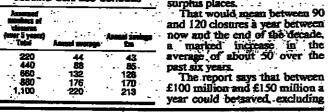
The warning pupil to keep open buildings which are not needed.

It points out that begains of a fall in the birthrate in the mid-

published today from the Audit surplus places in secondary Commission for Local Auth- schools in England and Wales. ornies, an independent body set and the figure could exceed one ed two years ago to improve local government economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The commission says that the price of doing nothing about non-teaching costs in secondary schools is unacceptably high.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CLOSING SURPLUS SCHOOLS



SECONDARY SCHOOL ROLLS 1961-1986

Hundreds of schools in and about 600 schools should the cost of teachers, on England and Wales need to be be closed to prevent ratepayers calculation that the cost of a place in a secondary school is £230 a year at 1983 \$4 prices. This includes interest savings from the sale of surples land and buildings offset party by the increased cost of school

The commission, which is asking all its auditors to look at what each local authority is doing about school closures. illion by the cast of says that because closing Local amporties should schools is so painful many maider closing new schools, councils are adopting an consider closing new schools,

those built in the 1960s and 1970s, if they are to reach the target set by the Department of ostrich-like attitude council review its secondary school capacity and that the Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Science does not turn down reorganization proposals from local authorities except in exceptional circum-

> As it is, Sir Keith Joseph has rejected 29 per cent of proposals close schools since 1983. The report points out that

most proposals by local authorities to close schools are made not on economic but on educational grounds, when councils cannot afford provide teachers

Obtaining Better Value in Edu-cation: Aspects of Non-Teaching

Homework concept out of date'

By Our Education Correspondent

given to pupils and the time study skills. taken by conscientious pupils to do it can lead to excessive tiredness, according to the National Association of Head Department of Education and

today the association, which has policies must be established for 20.500 members, adds that homework is in part something handed down from public and grammar schools to all schools,

of reinforcing what has unhelpful. been learnt in school, and that it-

Mrs Margaret Thatcher gave: the EEC, and added: "We are

an assurance yesterday to home resisting vigorously the com-owners and house builders that mission's attack on zero-rat-

mortgage interest relief would ing.

continue and that the Govern
fie also shared the concern of

Minister or a member of the approach 80 per cent by the end Conservative Government it of the century.

would continue. Mrs Thatcher said that a

the Government had no plans more than that. "It is a symbol

Novelist 'killed old blind

woman who wanted to die'

Government aid

for wheel loss

study denied

The Government is refusing to support a £70,000 investi-

gation into the reasons for

wheel losses on commercial vehicles, which cause an aver-

Road transport companies

have put up £12,000 to launch

is not worth putting thousands of pounds into research".

Mrs Helen Hough yesterday Mr Amiot said. She left a

age of one accident a day

to introduce it, as suggested by of security."

Plan to ease

redress

for victims

posed yesterday by the Home Affairs Select Committee.

Phose suffering physical injury and deprived of any other redress should be able to

seek compensation through the small claims court, the MPs say.

The victim should be able to

apply to the court's registrar to

have his claim assessed with a view of repayment out of

House of Commons. First Report Journ the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1984-85. Compensation and Support for Verims, of Crime. House of Commons Paper 43 (Stationery Office, £9.15p).

A children's novelist quietly killed a blind and lonely woman, aged \$3, who wanted to

commit suicide, the Central Criminal Court heard yester-

day.

Mrs Helen Hough, aged 59, provided her with certain

tablets and placed a plastic bag over the woman's head when

she did not die after several

hours. Mr Roy Amiot, for the

Mrs Hough allegedly told

police: "I was tempted to leave

her, haping she would die, I waited about two hours but she

was still breathing although

picked up this wretched plastic

bag and put it over her head and held her hand.

She allegedly said the woman's breathing became distressed and she finally died.

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prosecution, said.

deeply unconscious.

Government funds.

Easier ways of compensating

The amount of homework develop self-discipline and "Many avoid doing homework, The association's comments

come in response to the discussion paper from the Science on the curriculum for In a document published five to 16-year-olds which said homework so that is can most effectively help pupils to progress faster. The association comments

as a way of "keeping children that homework is a constant occupied" or "passing the source of discussion, friction time", albeit usefully.

On the plus side, it argues by local and national politicians that homework can be a good are sometimes uninformed or

or do it on buses, at breakfast or while watching television." Many resent having so much

homework at secondary age Comprehensive schools are criticized by school inspectors for failing to encourage pupils to talk, to develop arguments and articulate ideas. The criticism comes in their review of the reports they have written or and May 1984.

Primary schools give children a limited range of written work, concentrate too much on computation at the expense of

The Automobile Association is dropping its spanner symbols in the new year. They have been used since 1968 to denote AA approved garages.

The spanners, which range ment would not introduce the builders for more land for from one to three, awarded this value-added tax on new hous-building.

The lunch was celebrating the year to 4,300 garages, are being misinterpreted by motorists as The Prime Minister speaking fact that owner-occupation in at the National House-Builders the United Kingdom had symbols of workmanship rather Council's annual lunch in reached 60 per cent. It is London answered fears that estimated at 63 per cent, and mortgage relief might be reduced or abolished by saying dation has suggested that home that as long as she was Prime ownership in England could Ministry or the state of the council's could be a suggested that home that as long as she was Prime ownership in England could than the intended meaning of facilities offered. "This has resulted in an

unfair reflection on the smaller efficient garages", the AA said. Instead of spanners, a standard "AA Appointed" sign will be displayed outside garages.

As for tax on new housing, house was most people's biggest she assured her audience that asset, but added that it was Teacher charged with arson

Duncan McAndrew, aged 37, teacher, was remanded in custody yesterday by magistrates at Colchester, Essex, charged with arson at Eight Ash Green Primary School, near Colchester.

Det Inspector Jeff Murray said that McAndrew, of Woodford End, Layer-de-la-Haye, was arrested on Tuesday morning hours after firemen put out a blaže which broke out while the headmaster, Mr John Hopkins, was holding a parent-teacher meeting.

two research projects on the losses, but they are unlikely to MP has second be completed without funding from the Department of Transchest operation The department said last Mr Michael McNair-Wilson night. If we have one wheel coming off every 20,000 miles it

Conservative MP for Newbury has undergone a second oper ation on a chest infection at Churchill Hospital, Oxford. Mr McNair-Wilson, aged 53 was operated on a week ago for a chest abscess caused by

secondary infection during kidney failure earlier this year.

Court bans peer

The Earl of Shaftesbury, aged 46, of St Giles, Wimborne, Dorset, was fined £200 and banned from driving for 15 months at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, after he admitted driving his car having drunk excess alchol.

Paper closes

The Evening Post and Chronicle newspaper in Wigan was published for the last time yesterday, but it was late reaching the streets because of industrial action by print workers. The paper lost about £500,000 this year:

Speed offence

She allegedity said the Mr Amilot said. She left a woman's breathing became suicide note saying she was distressed and she finally died.

The dead woman, Miss Anita Mrs Hough, off Ivor Street, Mrs Hough off Mrs More food and banned from driving for a week yesterday afer being convicted of driving on the MS at 101 mph. The ban was lifted pending an appeal.



Plainly pleased: Miss Julie Walters preparing to release cloud of "hot-gir" halloons before the awards ceremony.

Teacher tells court he never supplied drugs to his pupils

he had sometimes smoked "a join1" of cannabis in a park during school lunchbreaks, but had never taken drugs on school premises.

Richard Catherwood, aged 39. added: "I have never supplied a schoolchild under my care or in my control with any drug, ever."

Mr Catherwood, who has

been suspened from his job as Authority supply teacher since his arrest in June, was giving evidence at Inner London Crown Court on the third day of

Yesterday Mr Catherwood, of Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, south London, was cleared of one of the charges against him. supplying cannabis resin, after Judge Suzanne Norwood instructed the jury that there was insufficient

He had denied a further six charges, including supplying and offering to supply LSD, cocaine and cannabis resin, and possessing controlled drugs with intent to supply. He has pleaded guilty to three

charges of supplying cannabis resin and unlawfully possessing LSD and cannabis. The offences are alleged to have taken place between January 1983 and June The court has been told that

Lee Sawyer, aged 16, fell to his death from a high-rise block of

elling drugs to teenagers told a found to have taken LSD before crown court jury yesterday that the incident. It has been alleged that Mr Catherwood supplied the drug he had taken. Mr Catherwood told the jury

yesterday that he had been educated at university in Belfast. He had three A levels and a Bachelor of Arts degree. He had been a supply teacher

of art in the south London Borough of Southwark from 1979 until his arrest. Mr Catherwood said: "I am making no secret of the fact that I am a regular, and have been since I was 20 or 21, user of

many occasions LSD. Cocaine is something I have tried He said that had been before various courts on five occasions for drugs offences

During his early years he had

but later settled down to a teaching career. Mr Catherwood denied allegations by two boys who gave evidence that it was LSD

been "wandering as a busker

supplied by him that caused Lee's death. "Since they supplied acid (LSD) on their own admission to Lee Sawyer I can see them

try ng to put it on someone else", he said. Mr Catherwood said that

when he heard that the boy had plunged from a balcony he was shocked. He had never heard of anyone jumping from a high place after taking LSD.

Apology over cot death

A London coroner yesterday told, the court in Southwark death babies were kined by the parents, and apologized to a dead.

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The parents are the baby daughter.

Joanna Fernandes, aged four months, died in her mother's parents. bed after an early morning feed. Kent Road, south-east London,

criticized the view that most cot that she had put Joanna in bed. death babies were killed by their When she woke up the baby was

inquest into the death of her coroner, said that the vast majority of cot death babies were well looked after by loving

He recorded a verdict of Mrs Frances Fernandes, of Old natural causes due to sudden

THE ACCOUNT THAT practical work in mathematics On the negative side many and provide little experimental is important for young people to children dislike the amount and learn to work on their own, nature of their homework. work in science, according to EARNS YOU A GUARANTEED Thatcher rejects tax Garages to get fairer on new housing **6%PA.TAX-FREE AA symbols** By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

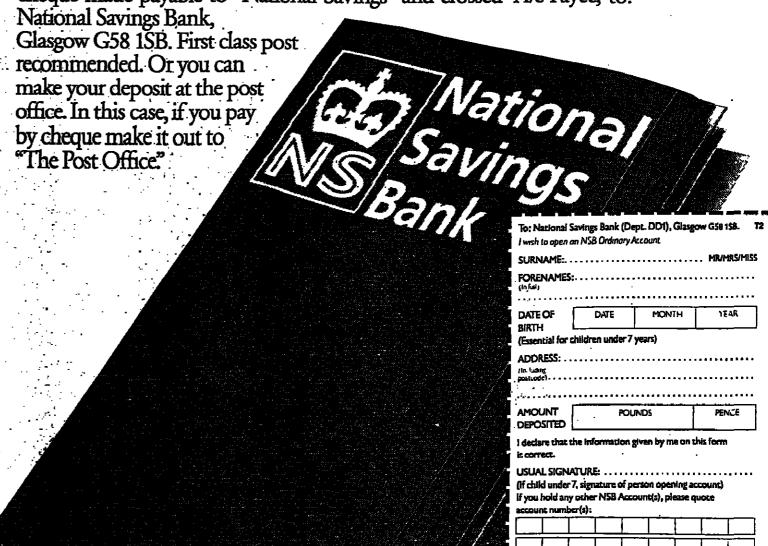
During 1985 the National Savings Ordinary Account is offering a guaranteed interest rate of 6% p.a. on balances maintained at £500 or more. Whatever happens to other interest rates, this one will not change in the coming year.

The first £70 a year of interest is free of all UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

For example, if you deposit £1,167 before the end of December 1984 and keep it in for the whole of 1985, you will earn the full tax-free benefit of £70. Husbands and wives are each entitled to this amount of tax exemption.

You get a guaranteed rate of interest and ready access to your money. To earn the guaranteed rate of 6% keep at least £500 invested from 31 December 1984 to 1 January 1986. Additional deposits will also earn the 6% rate for each whole month of 1985 that the money is earning interest. (Balances of less than £500 will earn 3%.)

Act by 31 December. To qualify for this attractive 1985 opportunity, invest before the end of December 1984. You can open a National Savings Ordinary Account by sending the coupon, which must arrive by 31 December, with your cheque made payable to "National Savings" and crossed "A/c Payee," to:



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exceeding those targets. I have retained the same basic system for

determining next year's expenditure targets as that used in the present

further education changes.

In addition, for authorities spending at or below target in 1984-85. I have added one-half of I per

cent to their current expenditure

expenditure increase for such authorities is 4.5 per cent; in line with the projected rate of inflation

for the economy as a whole.

for the economy as a whole.

In aggregate, the targets I am announcing today are £7.6 million higher than the provisional sum notified to authorities in the summer. The increase largely reflects the use of fixed interest rates, and a slightly lower assumption for council house rents.

The grant withholding penalty for

local authorities spending in excess of targets has been strengthened. The amount of grant withheld for

excess expenditure up to 1 per cent above target is 100 per cent of that excess but above that level the rate

of holdback increases to a maximum rate of 150 per cent for authorities spending 2 per cent or

more above target.

This compares with a maximum

of 90 per cent in the current year reached at 5 per cent spending above target. I am retaining the arrangements under which any

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When British nuclear forces would count in arms negotiations

ARMS CONTROL

if, as is hoped, substantial progress is made in disarmament talks between Mr Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, for substantial reductions in nuclear weapons, Britain would review the position of its own

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that at the conclusion of Commons exchanges about talks between Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition and the Soviet leader-ship, and about negotiations between the US and the USSR over nuclear weapons and military use of

Mr Lace said: We have consistently supported the United States in its willingness to negotiate, without preconditions, balanced and verifi-

weapons.
We therefore welcomed the announcement that Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko are to meet in January. We firmly hope that that January. We firmly hope that that will lead to agreement on how to carry forward the process of negotiating arms control agreements covering both nuclear and outer space questions.

Mr Gerald Malone (Aberdeen, South, C): Does Mr Luce believe that the recent Soviet offer not to target this country with nuclear weapons, and to reduce the number of medium range nuclear weapons, secured by the Leader of the Opposition, is anything but helpful, and simply amounts to the United Kingdom renouncing all nuclear weapons unilaterally. It replaces real weapons with cardboard ones and that says all that needs to be said about Labour policy

Mr Luce: Insofar as it is possible to understand the offer of the Soviet Union to Mr Kinnock - that in return for us renouncing our independent nuclear deterrent and getting rid of nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union would reduce pro-portionately, by the same number of

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness. Nairn and Lochaber. L): Is the Government prepared to involve the independent British deterrent in such negotiations?

Mr Luce: The first thing, obviously, is that there is to be a preparatory meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko with a view to discussing the parameters of how to review the whole question of nuclear weapons and arms activity in outer space That is the purpose of the meeting. We hope that it will lead to

discussions between the United States and the Soviet Union, which will lead in turn to a reduction in The Foreign Secretary (Sir

Geoffrey Howe) has repeatedly made clear that if there is clear



Blaker: Ours equals 3% of Russian arsenal

reductions in nuclear weapons and there is no increase in defence capability, we shall, of course, look at the situation of the British

Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C): Will the minister be even more specific about the relationship between our deterrent and the size

Soviet arsenal and the proposal between Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey and President Chernenko means that we should surrender the whole of our arsenal in return for a reduction to 97 per cent by the Soviet Union. That would be ridiculous and positively dangerous. Mr Luce: The British deterrent force is only 3 per cent of that of the Soviet Union's nuclear force. For the foreseeable future we see a need for retention of our nuclear terrent, but if there are reductions we shall review the situation.

Mr Denis Healey, Chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs: Mr Luce is either badly briefed or did not read his brief. The fact is that the United States and Soviet Governments in January will discuss not only the abolition of weapons in space, but also a substantial reduction in offensive missiles, whether based in Europe or elsewhere, and that puts British and French nuclear forces in the middle of the argument.

Since the Conservative Govern-ment in the early 1970s agreed that British weapons would be counted Minister to oppose counting British weapons in the forthcoming negotiations is to present a severe obstacle to their conclusion.

obstacle to their conclusion.

Does he not feel a little
embarassed when President Reagan
and the Leader of the Opposition
are talking to the Russians about
arms control and the British
Government refuses to engage in
discussions? Mr Luce: Mr Healey is talking nonsense (Conservative cheers). The position is clear, if Mr result of their preparatory meeting, get together to discuss nuclear weapons reductions and outer space

we are talking about Soviet and United States nuclear systems. He is not showing a sense of perspective. If there is substantial progress, we hope, and if there is agreement for substantial reagreement for substantial re-ductions, then would be the right

Councils should meet targets

WELSH RATES

Local authorities might have to make difficult choices in determin-ing their spending priorities in order to meet the targets being set by the Government, but those targets were achievable. Mr Nicholas Edwards. Secretary of State for Wales, said in the Commons when announcing the Weish rate support grant settlement for 1985-86.

Aggregate exchequer grant would be £1,014.2 million and the amount available for distribution to local authorities was £810.6 million. he

He believed it was a fair settlement and owed much to the restraint exercised by a majority of Welsh local authorities. A small minority, however, persisted in spending in excess of their targets and he was, therefore, setting targets-for 1985-86 and grant penalties for exceeding those targets.

If authorities showed they were on course to spend in line with the Government's plans for 1985-86 he was prepared to look at alternative means of containing expenditure and encouraging moderate rate increases in future years.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Alyn and Deeside, Lab), said it was a harsh system and if local authorities did manage to get down to the targets it would be at the cost of the services provided to beleaguered communities. The settlement would guarantee social distress.

Mr Edwards, in his statement, said aggregate exchequer grants would be £1,014.2 million, comprising £149 million for specific grants, £26.5 million for transport supplementary grant, £2 million for national parks supplementary grant and £336.7 grant, 2. million for hanonal parks supplementary grant and £836.7 million for the rate support grants. Domestic rate relief was unchanged at 18.5p in the pound which cost at 18.3p in the point which cost £25.5 million, leaving £811.2 million as block grant. After deducting £600.000 for payments to specified bodies the amount avail-able for distribution to local authorities is £810.6 million.

The aggregate exchequer grant of £1.014,2 million is £18.2 million or 1.8 per cent more than the aggregate exchequer grant provision in the main rate support grant settlement for the current year, but far more important for rating purposes, it is almost £50 million or 5 per cent higher than the amount authorities have included in their budgets for the present year, after allowing for certain expenditure changes. It

Ouotas must

be observed

fairly

Mr Michael Jopling, MInister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,

spokesman on agriculture, to stake his reputation on fair implemen-tation of the milk quota system

throughout the European Com-

very least this further decision will

prolong their uncertainty. This decision, coupled with the failure of two countries to try even to implement the quotas, and the latest

MILK QUOTAS

been considerably reduced because I rate increase in line with inflation. fair, and the Welsh consultative council has acknowledged that it placed a limit on grant holdback for such authorities. I am, therefore, represents an improvement on last year. That this is so owes much to

this year reducing this limitation by the restraint which has been exercised by a majority of Welsh Block grant will be distributed in accordance with the formulae agreed by the Weish local authority There are, unfortunately, a small minority who persist in spending in excess of their targets. I confirm therefore that I am setting targets for 1985-36 and grant penalties for

associations. I have decided to retain the existing block grant mechanisms which determine the distributions of block grant and the same safety net for limiting grant losses associated with changes in GRE - a maximum 4p loss at the county level and lp loss at the district level.

year, but increased the weighting given to the grant related expendi-The targets may require local uthorities to make difficult choices in determining their spending priorities but the targets are, i believe, achievable by all authorities. Every authority's target gives a cash increase in its current expenditure: the minimum increase is 2 per cent and the maximum 4 per cent after making allowance for the national insurance surcharge and

Edwards: Prepared to consider alternatives

this year is a forward indication of targets for 1986-87 and 1987-88. This will assist local authorities in their planning. I must emphasize, however, that these are indeed indications and circumstan which the Government has to review them cannot be ruled out. Whether these indicative targets

formal guidance figures depends to a very large extent on authorities performance next year. I have told the Consultative Council that it budget returns show that budget returns show that authorities, individually and collectively, are on course to spend in line with the associations whether ar alternative means of containing expenditure and encouraging mod-erate rate increases is possible for

Mr Jones: He is being very coy about clearly expressing a view on the effect of this settlement on the standard and depth of local government services. He is placing local authorities under intolerable

Penalties have again been increased. The ratepayers' contribution has again been increased, while central Government's contri-

Mr Edwards: We have increases in rar Edwards; We have increases in relevant expenditure and increases in grant of 5 per cent more than the budget expenditure in the current year, which is more than the inflation rate, and I do not believe anyone could say that represents a harsh present.

osses associated with changes in harsh regime.

GRE – a maximum 4p loss at the country level and 1p loss at the district level.

One innovation 1 am introducing one innovation 1 am introducing are close to meeting them.

We will agree targets are not the ideal system and if we can continue the progress made so far in meeting the Government's objectives I hope we can move away allogether from a system of largers. We are on the road to achieving that.

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd. C): While there is still determination that all waste should be cut, there is increasing anxiety lest essential services might start to suffer if economies are pursued any Mr Edwards: I do not think at a

rur nawaras: 1 do not think \$1 a time when we are offering local authorities the ability to increase their expenditure by slightly more than the inflation rate without imposing severe rate burdens there is any need for the kind of suffering he suggests might happen. Mr Michael Foot (Bisenau Gwent

Lab): One of the heaviest burdens that most local authorities in Wales have to bear is that imposed by persistent mass unemployment Theres should be some arrangement reby the scale of unemployment Mr Edwards: The target for Blaena

Gwent is well above the estimated inflation rate. Looking at the targets per head set for English and Welsh counties are in the cight Welsh counties are in the top 11 in the list for the whole of England and Wales.

This suggest they are getting treatment that compares favourably with comparable authorities facing comparable difficulties elsewhere.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Local Govern

ment Bill, committee, second day.
Lords (3): Valerie Mary Hill and
Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling)
Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC

reveal as for the effect it may have. That is because there is the possibility of drama in a constituency where the atmosphere could scarcely be less Here is a traditionally safe-Conservative seat in which the electorate is having to go to the polls because of the murder of the previous member, Sir. Authony Berry, is the Brighton bombing. In theory this should

still. The sympathy factor is added to the Conservative habit. Indeed, initially Mr David Steel was prepared to consider not putting up a Liberal candidate if Mr Kinnock had been willing for Labour to stand aside. Yet now the Liberals are claiming that they are in with a serious prospect of victory. Some of this public confidence

Commentary

Geoffrey

Smith

The Enfield Southgate by-

election today is important not

so much for the attitudes it will.

must be ascribed to tactical optimism. Whatever chance the Liberals may have depends upon the electorate believing that they can win. The point was illustrated by the Harris opinion poll pub

lished in the Observer on Sunday. The answers to a simple question on voting intention put the Conserative candidate far abead: with 52 per cent of potential votes, compared with 23 for the iberal and 22 per cent for

But when the public were asked for whom they would vote if the Liberal appeared to stand a chance of winning, the Conservative and Liberal were running neck and neck with 42 ... per cent each, while Labour tailed behind with a mere 15 per cent.

Good record of party managers

Liberals to break through the credibility barrier, and natural for them to try to do so by talking up their chances. Yet I do not believe that to be the sole explanation for their rising

So it is critical for the

Their party managers have a good record, not just in running by-election campaigns - atwhich they are much more proficient than in general elections - but also in keeping their finger on the electorate's oulse. They are accomplished in charting the movement of opinion at by-elections, and I am sure that they are now expecting at least to run the Conservatives quite close.

This would seem to suggest a. constituency seething with discontent over banana skins, or possibly even disillusioned with the whole thrust of Government policy. Yet on the doorsteps of Enfield and Southgate yesterday and on Tuesday I did not get the impression of a constituency that was seething with anything much at all.

I suspect that whatever threat there may be to the Conservatives comes not so much from a tidal wave of protest as from a combination of boredom and irritation, It is not easy to get Conservative voters excited about the prospect of going to the polls, in a by-election, in what has always been a safe seat for a Government with a very large majority that has been in office for more than five and a half

Vote not decided on sympathy

Nor does it seem likely that the outcome will be determined by a sympathy vote. Perhaps it would have been different if the by-election had taken place in the immediate aftermath of the bombing. But now, while one certainly hears tributes on the doorstep to Sir Anthony's service as a constituency MP. one also encounters a feeling that the Consevatives, as a party, have taken Enfield and Southgate for granted too longboth as a parliamentry seat and as a local council.

Yet the way in which they cast their votes may well have an impact far beyond the suburbs of north London A comfortable Tory victory would help to steady Conservative, nerves at a time when the party is clearly rattled. Or a Liberal victory - even a narrow miss in such a constituency - could

Outer space to be discussed

The Government believed urgent made over arms control in outer space. Mr Richard Lace, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, said during questions

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Screenary, would be disscussing this among other matters, with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev (a leading member of the Soviet Politburo) when he visited London next week, Mr Luce said the Government was next week.
pleased that the Soviet Union had Mr Norman Atkieson (Tottenham, agreed to discuss outer space arms Lab: If weapons is space are control with the United States. The developed for the purpose of area. Together with its other allies, it minimizes the question of deterwould continue to support US

on the desirability of reaching agreement to ban all weapons in space? What is the Government's policy towards the United States strategic delence initiative?

Mr Luce: I agree with the urgent need to see measures agreed between East and West, and particularly between the United States and Soviet Union, for arms restraint in outer space. The Prime European governments should resist

CIVIL DEFENCE

The Government intends to make

civil resources, at present to be used only in time of war, available for use in peace time disasters Lady

Trampington. the Government spokesman, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) had said that civil defence could be used in the event of a disaster such as that at

Bhopal and those who pretend there

Minister has talked about the space weapons and their developdangers of a new and terrible theatre of war.

The United States goes into these primary discussions in that new area with the clear objective to trying to reach an understanding with the Soviet Union on these matters. The Foreign Secretary has just had discussions with the United States Secretary of State on this and other issues and will shortly be doing so also with Mr Gorbachev in London

Government was strongly commit-ted to arms restraint policies in this against nuclear weapons surely it continue to support US rence by nuclear weapons, if a efforts to achieve progress in this sphere, but the need for Western patience and perseverance was as and the United States are undertak-

Mr Robert Banks (Harrogate, C): defence and ballistic missiles Bearing in mind the two super defence. The United States has powers are at the start of a race to made clear that they are willing and develop weapons in space at anxious to talk to the Soviet Union gigantic cost, will he do all he can to about research on both sides with a improve understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union understanding.

and that what I hope they will do. David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C): American space weapons are of the United States and not Europe. Therefore their development would uncouple Europe from the American strategic deterrent On those grounds alone, western

ment on either side.

Mr Luce: It is the British
Government's view that we must get urgent progress, if at all possible, in arms restraint in outer space. That having been said. I do believe it is the view of the United States very strongly that the Alliance as a whole should remain united in these matters. We are in the closest possible consultation with them in the important matter of outer space. Mr Dennis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs: Is not the

question of unity a question of what policy unity is about? If the American strategic defence initiative is successful, which most American experts think is most ability in the control of the control o Mr Jopling reported to MPs that EEC Agricultural Ministers had agreed, with Denmark abstaining to unlikely, it would undermine the invite the Commission to allow whole basis of nuclear stability postponement of the first levy payment until the end of the which has existed since the Second Wolrd War. marketing year. to the Russians, it would make a of being the only member state to implement the system properly. Britain's dairy industry (he added) is in total confusion. At the farce of the present Government's policy of maintaining a national nuclear independent deterrent. For

these reasons, will be argue strongly with the United States Government to accept the Soviet proposal to ban weapons in outer space? Mr Lace: Lagree the implications of research in outer space are far reaching and serious. That is why it is important. We can support strongly what the United States

figures that five countries are over their quotas of production, will lead many people to doubt whether they will ever be properly implemented.
Our dairy farmers have already
made sacrifices. discuss its research as well as that of Mr Jopling replied that the EEC view to trying to get some kind of understanding in that area.

Mr Jopling replied that the LLC Commission was considering requests for a general delay today (Wed). First reports suggested that it had decided to make no change to the regulations but he could not anticipate its formal response. Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lan-caster, C) asked if Mr Jopling was-making any progress over the need for flexibility between direct sales and the milk roundsman.

and the milk roundsman.

Mr Jopling said this was the most clear case of unsatisfactory rules within the milk levy arrangements. Repretfully he had raised the uniter to no effect at every Agricultural Council since June. But he would vigorously continue to press the matter.

Sir Peter Mills (Devon, West and Torridge, C) said Mr Jopling should put down a marker when he next discussed milk imports in the EEC. They would be a serious blow (he said) for many dairy farmers if imposed on top of the quotas.

Urgent look at training years was almost nil, however successful the Government's poli-

UNEMPLOYMENT

The key to reducing unemployment could only be found by pursuing the Government's policies, Lord Young of Graffham, Minister without Portfolio, said in the Lords. This meant controlling inflation, remeant controlling inflation, re-straining public expenditure, en-couraging the growth of real jobs and returning to this country the spirit of enterprise so hearly extinguished by the heavy hand of state control which by 1979 had come to permeate almost every corner of the land.

Speaking in a debate in which the Opposition complained of the lack of urgency shown by the Govern-ment in tackling the unemployment problem and called for a statement enable available labour to be used to meet undoubted national needs, he said the Government fully understood the need for effective investment if Britain's industries were to be able to match those of its foreign competitors.

that spending yet more millions of taxpayers' money on major infra-structure projects was any answer to unemployment. The job creation effects would be much less than was magined.

He was undertaking an urgent investigation into the whole range of

the provision for employment training and payment of benefits to young people. The Youth Training cheme had been a major milestone along that road. We owe it to our young people (he went on) to encourage its progress by all the neans at our disposal. We are (he continued) the only major European economy general-

ing additional jobs. Only Australia. the United States and Canada are doing better. In the past 12 months

Germany. Italy. Switzerland. France, Sweden. Norway and Spain. Our policies are working. cies might be.
It would be a real economy, a Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, for the

Opposition, who opened the debate, said the Government's medium-term financial strategy was not working. The economy was not responding to it. The Prime Minister's strength was her determination; her weakness was her nation; her weakness was her obstinacy. In due course she must change her policies or she must go.
The Government was to be

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Alport: Prime Minister could destroy her party

condemned for operating unworkable policies and for accepting. indeed creating unemployment as a part of those policies. By so doing it had created a huge problem which could not be quickly or easily solved. The Opposition was asking for a clear and constructive start on the road back to full employment.

The warning lights were flashing

for Britain. There was still time to change course. Lady Seear (L) said the likelihood of a return to fulltime employment by people in the Minister and her administration older age groups who had been the next General Election.

It would be a real economy, a cost-effective thing to do, to enable people in that category to earn far more than was permitted at present without losing unemployment benefit. Savings in other directions would go a long way to offset the cost that would be involved. The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby, said he took no political line but the point was being reached in the national conscience when the need to take

action about unempolyment was seen by the majority as overwhelming and urgent.

Everyone wanted the burden of taxation on the lower paid lifted; the poverty trap was a menace. But lifting the threshold helped thos without need as well as those in need. A simple increase in child benefit would do the job more

Lerd Alport (C) said the price for fighting inflation was reflected in the miners' strike and in social unrest which might have ugly consequences for the cohesion of the nation before the end of the century.

If the Prime Minister and the If the Prime Minister and the Government continue with the present policies (he said) then the Prime Minister will end up destroying the party she leads and she will leave behind her anger and disillusion and a nation divided against itself. A nation, like a house divided against itself, cannot stand. He avoid work for the parties of

He would vote for the motion so no one could accuse him of speaking in coded terms. He did not want to say goodbye to a Conservative Government, but unless there was a change in direction, the electorate would say goodbye to the Prime Minister and her administration at

Call for inquiry before councils go

Government proposals to abolish the Greater London Council and six metropolitan county councils were ill-considered and without merit, Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, He said it was now notorious that the proposals in the Bill were cobbled together in haste without proper consultation or consider-ation, even within the Conservative

amendments which would delay abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan counties. The amendments variously provided that there should be a proper inquiry before abolition was proceeded with held by, for example, a Royal Com-

Party, let alone outside it. It was against the express wishes of the policy committee of the Conservative Party.

ABOLITION BILL

Tourist was killed for handbag

Linda Bradley, aged 25, was stabbed through the heart when Spanish muggers snatched her handbag, an inquest in Southwark, south London, was told yesterday.
Miss Bradley, a 5ft 3in tall typist, of Weston Street, South-

wark, was set upon in a Torremolinos street the day before she was due to fly home. She and her companion, Mrs Christine Batty, aged 29, of Wandsworth, were attacked in the early hours of August 31 Three men have been

charged wih Miss Bradley's murder. Police Constable Steven Pagdin said: "Interpol have told us they are likely to remain in custody for two years before they come to trial."

The coroner, Dr. Arthur Gordon Davis, returned a verdict of unlawful killing.

Footballer's bail

West Ham's goalkeeper Phil Parkes, aged 34, of Wokingham, Berkshire, was yesterday re-manded on bail until January 9 when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court on a drinkdriving charge.

To this must be added a

range of grievances, mostly minor and often local. All of these can swing votes. Yet altogether, this does not seem the stuff of which political revolutions are made. I doubt if there is any single clear message, indicative of opinion in the country as a whole, that the people of this constituency are bursting to send.

provide the spark that the Alliance so badly needs.

No-smoking campaign Tube train ban reinforces trend

Help available in time

By David Cross

The imposition of an almost total smoking ban on London's Underground system is the latest step in the seemingly inexorable drive to turn Britain's public places into smoke-Although anti-smoking lob-

bies like ASH. Action on Smoking and Health, are highly critical of the shortage of nonsmoking facilities, principally in restaurants and public houses, they concede that the introduction of smoking bans has accelerated markedly during the past four or five years. ASH attributes this largely to the increasing awareness and outspokenness among non-smokers of the dangers of inhaling tobacco smoke in the air.

British Rail, in particular, it says has been exemplary in its response to the wishes of nonsmokers. Last month it increased the

non-smoking compartments on Inter City 125 trains from a ratio of 60 to 40 to 70 to 30, bringing them into line with suburban and short distance trains, where 75 per cent of compartments are for non-

Airlines and ferries Vary

of national disaster

nation of plans in a peace-time emergency.
The Government intends to introduce legislation to enable civil defence resources to be used for this

confined to measures against enemy attack, but we de acknowledge that the planning staff of local auth-orities would undertake the coodi-

purpose. There is a Bill ready to be taken up as a private Member's Bill on this point, Perhaps he would care to do it?

aircraft for non-smokers.

Sealink offers the best facili-

with about 60 per cent of

On public transport local

authorities have introduced smoking restrictions or total

smoking bans, in addition to

London Transport. The New-

castle Metro bans smoking in its

seven underground stations and

on all trains (smoking is allowed

on the 34 overground stations).

while Glasgow has a total ban

on its revamped underground

Plymouth, Brighton, Belfast,

Aberdeen, and Darlington have

introduced bans on buses, and

some, like Cardiff, are operating

experiments during which pass-

engers are being asked not to

and restaurants set aside.

ties for passengers on ferries to in council and committee

75 per cent.

Commissioners defended

Britain's recently appointed EEC Commissioners. Lord Cockfield and Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, were defended by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clyd, C): The French Government appointed as its two Commissioners appointed as its two Commiss former foreign minister and

If these are two important posts would it not have been a good idea for pesons of this quality to have been selected by us Mr Rifkind: Sir Anthony's remarks are unworthy.

I do not think he does any service to the United Kingdom to say their qualities are other than excellent.

greatly in providing for non- smoke. In London smoking is smokers. Loganair, the indepen- banned on Rad Arrow buses dent Scottish airline, bans and restricted on other services.

smoking on all flights, while Air In a recent survey into local In a recent survey into local Algerie, the Algerian state authority policies on smoking, airline, provides between four ASH found considerable and six seats at the back of regional variations in attitude to smoking, which the Department No-smoking seats in British of Health and Social Security Airways' planes range between this week blamed for about 50 and 70 per cent of the 100,000 deaths a year. A total number available, and on of 456 councils in England British Caledonian the figure is and Wales responded to a

questionnaire which asked for their policy on smoking

France, Belgium and Holland, meetings. Eastern England came out scating in cabins, lounges, bars top of the non-smoking league, with about 90 per cent of councils reporting a specific policy closely followed by the West Country (89 per cent) and the Home Countres (88 per cent). Wales was bottom with 72 per cent of councils acceding to the wishes of the non-smok ing lobby.

On a county basis, the top nine areas, with all councils having a policy, were Avon, Buckinghamshire, Gloncestershire, Hereford and Worcestershire, Lincolnshire, Somerset East Sussex, West Sussex and Warwickshire. Lowest scorers were Merseyside, Powys, and Tyne and Wear where 50 per cent of councils had a policy.

Victorian river lights go out

By Tony Samstag Despite restoration work

in the late 1960s, wind, rain and weather have continued to ravage the splendid globe lights that line the Thames along the Cheisea Embankment. At least half the lights are unlit at night, some are broken or rusting, and a score or more are missing altogether. The Greater London Council is doing its best to restore them, but could not say yesterday when it thought the job might be done. The cast-iron standards, with their distinctive crowns atop the globes and dolphins at the base, were erected in the 1870s to a design by Timothy Butler. Where the originals are past hope, the GLC is having reproductions cast (Photograph: Chris Harris).



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Moscow sends top

man to mend

Commons inquiry sheds doubt on Britain's legal claim to Falklands

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Pritain's legal claim to the since the conflict to discuss the relations between the two life which is at the heart sovereignty of the Falklands countries. The absence of normal the centuries old dispute with with Argentina undoubtedly. Argentina and led to war two makes progress on issues such years ago, is cast into doubt by as bilateral relations more the Commons Foreign Affairs difficult. But, after a disagree-Select Committee in a report

After inquiries into the two rival sovereignty claims, the all-party group of MPs says: "The historical and legal evidence demonstrates such areas of uncertainty that we are unable to reach a categorical conclusion on the legal validity of the historical claims of either country.

But the committee, whose Falklands investigation has taken two years, emphasizes that much of the historical argument has been rendered less relevant by Argentina's

"illegal resort to arms" Without referring directly to Fortress Falklands, the MPs say the cost of defending the islands, £684 million this year and £552 million next year, will remain a substantial drain on the defence budget while the present policy continues, allowing for the savings brought about by the airport at Mount Pleasant.
"In broad terms it is costing

us about one thousand times as much to defend each inhabitant of the Falklands as it costs us to defend each inhabitant of the that progress should be made

ment in the committee, the report says in the present situation "this policy is no

doubt prudent". Labour MPs wanted to describe such an attitude as "understandable" but were voted down by the Conserva-.

democratic government under President Alfonsin towards negotiations on sovereignty is that Britain should not agree to essentially no different to that the inclusion of the soverignty

"Such negotiations once begun, must lead eventually and inevitably to the relinquishment of the United Kingdom's claim to end administration of the

Because questions of prin-ciple and national honour are at lift the Falklands protection stake and feelings in Argentina, Britain and the Falklands are so intense, "the prospects for an early settlement of the sovercignty dispute itself are re-

"All our evidence, has, in fact, reinforced the wisdom of the general approach now being adopted by HM Government, K." towards re-establishing practical Britain's unqualified refusal and sensible arrangements for

diplomatic and relations are not in the best interests of either country and will have to be recitfied before long, the MPs say.
"Some kind of accommo-

dation with Argentina is not only inevitable, in view of the cost of the present policy to the UK, but also desirable if the Falklands are to have any prospect of long-term economic The attitude of the Argentine prosperity and the political stablility.

Although the committee says that Britain should not agree to of its predecessors, the MPs say. issue in talks with Argentina "in the immediate future" it should be willing to discuss how progress can be made to try to find a negotiated settlement as requested by the United

> zone once Argentina formally declares an end to hostilities: undertakes progressively to reduce the size of the army, air force and navy presence in and around the islands; and announces publicly the nonsovereignty issues it is prepared to discuss with Britain.

The MPs recommend that

Special Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Falkland Is-lands, volume 1, Command 268-1 (Stationery Office: £5.55).



Crime crackdown: A Mafia suspect chained to a policeman arriving at Turin airport. Judges in the city have issued 380 arrest warrants on Mafia-related charges.

Mafia informers live in fear

The increasingly successful Italian ouslaught on the higher echelons of the Mafia has brought in its wake the problem of how to protect relatives of Mafia criminals who confess

A group of investigators in Palermo responsible for some of the most dramatic arrests in recent weeks has sent an appeal to President Pertini and to the Government asking for adequate means of protecting "repentant" criminals and their families.

Their case has authoritative backing from no less "repentant" a criminal than Tommaso Buscetta, the first of the great figures in the Sicilian Mafia's history to offer testimony. His brother-in-law was murdered on Friday and he wrote to one of the Palermo judges who signed the appeal to the President, expressing his disappointment that protection for members of his family had proved inadequate.

Naturally, the hope is strong that others will

continue to follow his example. That this hope is reasonable is shown by another huge series of arrests carried out on Tuesday in Catania, Rome, Turin and elsewhere on the instructions of Turin magistrates investigating the Mafia. They are know to have been helped by the confession of Salvatore Parisi, aged 30, a murderer from Catania who was arrested in Turin in September MADRID: For the first time, the Spanish Supreme Court has ordered one of its own

Supreme Court has ordered one of its own members, and a judge of a lower court, to stand trial, (Harry Debelius writes).

The Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that there was reasonable grounds for suspicion of criminal action by Justice Jaime Rodriguez Hermida and Judge Ricardo Varon Cobos, in connection with the unexpected release of a member of the Maila. The alleged offence was prevarication, specifically of deliberately perpetrating a miscarriage of justice.

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fences in Peking promote trade, economic and

Peking (Reuter) - The Soviet some joint committees to First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Ivan Arkhipov; the highest-technical cooperation. technical cooperation.
The neighbours, which feil ranking Kremlin leader to visit out over ideological differences in the late 1950s, completed a China in 15 years, will arrive in Peking on December 21, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said

fifth round of talks on normalizing relations in October and agreed they both wanted to The trip replaces a visit planned for last May which Mr Arkhipov cancelled abruptly after President Reagan's China expand economic, trade, scientific, technological, cultural and sporting links. But political tour and renewed fighting on the Sino-Vietnamese border. It relations remain blocked. Peking demands a Soviet reflects a gradual improvement

withdrawal from Afghanistan, reductions in Soviet forces along the Chinese border and an end to the Kremlin's support for Victnam's presence in Cambodia as preconditions for better political ties.

to conclude a trade agreement for the period 1986-90 during Moscow accuses Peking of The two sides have also identified about 30 factories deviating from the true path of socialism, and says China is making unreasonable demands where Soviet technicians would and is not really interested in improved relations. help to modernize plant in-stalled during the period of Sino-Soviet friendship in the

Mr Arkhipov is likely to find Chinese leaders in an ebullient mood. His trip will follow closely on Mrs Thatcher's visit when she will sign an agreement on handing back Hong Kong.

Talks with Tokyo too

talks vesterday, the first since both sides sho 1979, and chief delegates called improve relations. for improved economic ties.

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Asian and Western diplomats

said Moscow and Peking hoped

The Chinese Communist Party

chairman. Mr Hu Yaobang said last month the two countries

tranged Communist giants.

Mr Arkhipov's visit.

1950s.

Tokyo (Reuter) - Japan and session of the ninth meeting of the Soviet Union opened three the Japan-Soviet economic days of economic cooperation cooperation committee that both sides should try to

Sushkov, heading a 70-member delegation, told the opening annual committee meetings were suspended in 1979 after Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan

The Singapore election

Opposition puts up 48 candidates

From Stephen Taylor, Singapore

Kuan Yew's People's Action Party in Singapore's election next week was revealed yesterday when eight rival parties nominated a total of 48 candidates to stand against the

The close of nominations, which included three independents, left the PAP unopposed in 30 constituencies in an enlarged parliament of 79 seats, and most party officials appear confident that on December 22 it will secure a fifth successive

electoral clean sweep. Nevertheless, the election will be watched for any sign that voters - and in particular the ng - are disgruntled with the PAP's authoritarian style of all citizens and must be cut government. If, as some knowl- back. One WP slogan is "Wake edgeable sources are suggesting, up to your freedom, it's time". the PAP lost two or perhaps even three seats, it would represent a significant rebuff for

raised by Mr Lee recently. Workers' Party, led by the late critic of government who island's only opposition MP Mr observers believe might win a Ben Jeyaretnam, which will be place.

The opposition facing Mr Lee 13 years, will be a crucial barometer of opinion. The PAP has gone all-out to regain the

> supporters cheered their candi date, Mr Ng Pock Too, parliamentary secretary to Mr Lee, and chanted "PAP for

> Mr Jeyaretnam apart, th odds are heavily against the opposition's efforts to dent the PAP's stranglehold on parliament. Only 10 days have been allowed for campaigning and the PAP's opponens lack leader-

> ship, money and manpower. The one thing they share is the conviction that the PAP's tentacles intrude into the life of

The other party whose performance will be closely monitored is the Singapo controversial social policies Democratic Party. The SDP is aised by Mr Lee recently. fielding only four candidates,
To the fore in yesterday's but Mr Chiam See Tong, its secretary-general, is an articu

putting up 15 candidates.

The Anson seat, which Mr
Jeyaretnam won at a by-election in 1981 to break what had in effect become one-party rule for barries fielding candidates include the Singapore United Front (13), the United People's Front (8) and the effect become one-party rule for Barrisan Socialis (4).

East Germans will fast to aid asylum plea

Bonn-Some 73 East Germans still seeking asylum in the West German embassy in Prague plan to start a hunger strike tomorrow to support their demand to emigrate before Christmas, the mass-circulation Bild newspaper said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

The refugees, who have been in the embassy almost two months, have written to Chan-cellor, Helmut Kohl, to appeal

for help.

Bild. however has quoted Herr Wolfgang Vogel, the East German lawyer who negotiates on the issue, as saying that no one should hope for any other solution at Christmas than a return to East Germany.

East Berlin has insisted that no-one else who flees into a western embassy will be allowed to leave directly for the west.

Swiss rethink TV screening of 'Emmanuelle'

The 10-year-old French pro-duction, starring the Dutch actress Sylvia Kristel in love-

Geneva (AP) - The Swiss French-language television network will decide this week whether to go ahead with its controversial decision to broadcast the sexually-explicit film Emmanuelle on New Year's Eve, its programme director

Mr Jean Dumur said a survey in the weekly magazine L'Illustre showed that 72 per cent of the 500 French-language viewers polled were not shocked by the idea of several the 150 per cent of the state of several the 150 per cent of the 150 per cent by the idea of seeing the film on

making scenes with men and women, is scheduled to be shown at 2.15am on January ! as part of an all-night film programme.

Kohl dismisses Soviet slur on war ceremony

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

West Germany has dis-missed Soviet attacks on Bonn's plans for a day of end of the Second World War as fatuous propaganda, expressing hopes that the Western allies will take a firm stand against Soviet attempts to exploit the occasion.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has ruled out any "noisy ceremon-ies" to mark the 40th anniversary of Germany's capitulation, and called instead for an ecumenical service in Cologne Cathedral io commemorate the

war dead of all nations. On Tuesday, Tass asked in an acid commentary for whom the prayers would be held. "For SS hangmen, whose hands were crimson with the blood of European nations, for war criminals who brought millions of men, women and children suffering, misery and torture?" Herr Peter Boenisch, the government spokesman, said he had never read anything so

stupid as Tass. It was clear

hatred of Germans. Bonn is now pondering

proposed state visit here by President Reagan on May 2-4, immediately after the economic symmit and before the anniversary of VE Day. Most people think a proposed visit by the President, together with Herr Kohl, to Dachau concentration camp would be inappropriate and look like domestic electioneering. The Chancellor's office has also firmly ruled out any meeting on May 8 between President Reagan, President Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher. The French President is

understood to have let Bonn know that he is against taking part in any further ceremonis

like the Normandy celebrations Newspapers here gave a warm welcome yesterday to the remarks by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in West Berlin that Britain intended vigorously to discharge its responsibilities for the defence

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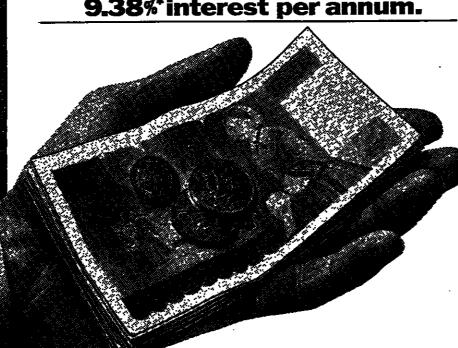
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MP takes legal action to force Sharon back from New York court

magazine entering its second month, a political storm is brewing in Israel about the prolonged absence of the new Minister for Trade and Industry and the mounting cost of financing his legal battle in New

The controversial hearing arises out of 18 words in an article printed on February 21, 1983, concerning the report of the Kahan Commission into the massacre of Palestinian refugees in the Beirut camps of Sabra and Chatila.

in an unprecedented legal move vesterday, the opposition Citizens Rights Movement, which has three deputies in the Knessel, sought a High Court injunction to force Mr Sharon to return immediately or to take

In his application for an injunction against the government, the Prime Minister and Mr Sharon, one Knesset mem-ber, Mr Mordechai Bar-On. also

With Mr Ariel Sharon's \$50 should himself be required to leadership of the right-wing million libel suit against Time finance the costs of his visit and Likud faction, has been heightthat of his staff, which are now ened because his ministry is being met by the Government. supposedly at the centre of Mr Sharon, a former Defence efforts to solve Israel's inflation-Minister and architect of the ary crisis through a three-month 1982 Lebanon invasion, has not freeze on wages and prices.
been in Jeruselem since Senior trade ministry officials

been in Jeruselem since Senior trade ministry officials November 5. Mr Bar-On and have complained that their other parliamentery critics entire travelling budget for the claim that his absence is current fiscal year has been technically illegal, because he eaten up in New York.
was granted Cabinet permission
for only a two week absence.

In a bitterly worded leading article, the Tel Aviv daily

Among those now calling for 'Ha'aretz accused Mr Sharon of Mr Sharon's resignation is Mr failing to return home after the Chaim Bar-Lev, Police Minister two weeks it said was granted to in the National Unity Governhim by the Cabinet to deal with ment. He described as "absurd" the trial and "matters pertaining the decision by the Exchequer to his ministry". It claimed that to continue funding Mr Sharon's stay in the United States. "Mr Sharon has claimed that been dismissed from his com-

the state of Israel is on trial, but pany. he did not bother to ask the In country whether it is interested in such a trial". Mr Bar-Lev said. "The trial is causing considerable damage to Israel Labour Party headed in the consequent on several fronts." considerable damage to Israel Labour Party headed by the on several fronts."

Criticism of Mr Sharon, a Peres, of aiding Israel's enemies leading contender for the future "as it had done in the past".



Bhopal exodus: Smiles that hide fear on a crowded train as thousands yesterday fled the disaster city of Bhopal in India, spurred by rumours that attempts to make the Union Carbide chemical plant safe would release more killer gas.

Changing times at the EEC

Thorn gloomy on future unity

The idea should not be to build

For millions of citizens, he

argued, the Community would

for selfish reasons. This thinly-

A European Community of pure accountant's approach"

ten states, or 12 as it is due to now that rules to control become, cannot be managed by spending had been introduced. consensus, Mr Gasion Thorn told the European Parliament an association of states but a here in his farewell speech as community of different people. Commission President yester-

Mr Thorn's view of the lose its purpose if the building Community's future without a of Europe were to be neglected majority voting system is gloomy. The veto, he said, constituted a negation of the insistence on spending controls spirit of the treaty of Rome and show that Mr Thorn is worried the political ends of European

He worried about the ravages Speaking on the eve of a that would be caused by "the parliamentary vote likely to

Italians, who assume the rotat-

ing presidency of the European

Community next month, to

push through the plan for massive aid to help the poorer

Community's enlargement until

sealed and delivered.

Greece counts on

Italy for help

reject the EEC budget for next year, he pleaded for the Community to decide positively

Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Foreign Minister, was more positive in his final report on the six months of the Irish

He believed the Community was again on the move, citing negotiations to include Spain and Portugal and the agreement on spending control, but admit-ted that "the essential task of relaunching the Community remains uncompleted."

Strict action confirmedon milksurplus

Correspondent

buttress them against the shock ducers. The European Commassive aid to help the poorer Mediterranean regions to cushion the competitive shock from the admission of Spain and Portugal.

Otherwise, the Greek leaders

this plan, known as the promote tourism, train man-mission for a further delay until mintegrated Mediterranean power and develop sources of March before making initial original sum of £1.5 billion over trouble organizing adminislargest beneficiary under the six years is negotiable, but they tration to monitor the quotas.

were shocked when the Com-munity's 1985 budget included of 50 million ECUs (£30 million) for the first year of application, of which £11.4

Greece would be entitled to 38.4 per cent or £1.5 billion. The rest. 17 per cent, would go to France, which would eventually become a net contributor to the plan, hence its aloofness. The officials in Athens blame Mrs Thatcher, in particular, and the other "Northern" Com-

40-tonne lorry limit

rites). any attempt to make them raise The new limit means that the present limits. The question some countries, like Italy and then will be whether a target

were devised originally to help the poorer areas in France and Italy and the whole of Greece to improve their economies and

ture, improve communications,

programmes" (IMPs) is agreed, Italy would, in fact, be the Commission's original proposals, to the tune of 44.5 per cent of a total then estimated at 6.6 billion ECUs or £3,960

million would be for Greece. Greece now wants the Council of Ministers to respect the Fontainebleau summit's pledge and tackle seriously the pro-posals for the IMPs now before it, inserting generous sums where the blanks were left for

a Greek official, "is that money from the Community's funds Spanish and Portuguese vegatables, fruit, wines and olive oil that Greece would have re-

munity members, except per-

Holland, will have to decrease date can be set for the two the present maximum levels, countries to raise their limits.

Colombo

Defence scheme to protect Sri

external aggression, the Prime

Minister, Mr Ranasinghe

Premadasa, commended the example of the British in the

Second World War to his own

That the message has gone

home has been seen in the stoic

calm with which the Sinhalese

have endured a series of

When 10 bombs exploded in different parts of Colombo,

killing three persons and

When launching the Civil

From Mario Modiano, Athens Greece is counting on the join the Community. The IMPs

would help to create infrastruc-

energy. Officials in Athens say the

the total cost of the programme, its duration, and its sources of haps West Germany, for block-ing these credits out of sheer

when the two Iberian countries IMPs."

Brussels. - All lorries in the while other countries will have FEC - apart from Britain and to increase theirs.

Ireland - will be bound by a 40
But it will not be until tonne maximum weight limit february 1987 that the question from the end of 1986, transport will be raised again about limits ministers meeting in Brussels in Britain and Ireland and even have agreed (lan Murray then they will be able to veto

disguised reference to British that Britain is undermining the future of the Community.

> From Our Own Strasbourg

There is to be no reprieve for the EEC's surplus milk pro-

Community farm ministers payments. France and Belgium

But in Strasbourg yesterday the Commission decided, after the shortest of debates, to ignore

Advance payments withheld from

EEC countr	ies
est Germany	£23.4
rance	£21.6
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eland	£2.4
orthern Ireland	£1.74
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agricultural policy it has the last
"What we do not want", said word on when the money should be paid, and it means to stick to its ruling that half of all money owed in a levy for overare likely to give stiff compe-tition to similar Greek products diverted and rechristened months of the quota system, must be paid by Saturday.

Just a month before it retires, the Commission feels it must get tough to ensure that the controversial system works. It has noted that production dropped by 3 per cent in its first six months, and that the fall over last year is now nearly 8

per cent. The main offenders have already been taxed by the commission, by its refusal to forward advance payments totalling almost £60 million to countries in which it believes

Challengeto White House battle Senator for Meese's job From Christopher Thomas, Washington

An ideological power battle is powerful Mr Meese. Although under way at the White House he will retain substantial influabout the departure early next ence as a Cabinet member about the departure early next year of Mr Edwin Meese, the White House Counsellor, to become Attorney General. It will leave a gap in the top echelons that is worrying conservatives close to President Page 19 and 19 and

conservative - cannot possibly weild the same kind of influence. There are genuine fears that Mr Reagan's conservative agenda might be stalled.

In particular, Mr Meese's departure to the Justice Department would increase the leverage of Mr Baker, a moderate conservative whose staff has frequently been critical of the lack of political pragmatism of power would be regarded by conservatives as a defeat in the battle for ideological

Mrs Kirkpatrick's decision to

defeated

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Senator Robert Byrd, from West Virginia, was re-elected as Senate Democratic minority leader yesterday, defeating a challenge by Senator Lawton Chiles, from Florida.

Senator Byrd defeated Senator Chiles by a vote of 32-10 among Democrats who will serve in the Senate next year. Five of the 47 Democrats did

Two outstanding results from the November election to the House of Representatives have emerged after recounts, Congressional sources said.

Robert Edgar, the incumbent Democrat, defeated Curt Waldon, Republican, in Permaylvania District 7. David Monson, held Utah District 2 for the Republicans, beating Frances

california District 18, won by Richard Lehman, the incumbent Democratidaho District 2, won by Richard Stallings, Democratide defeating the Republican incumbent George Hansen, Bleois District 22, retained for the Democratis by a new candidate, Kenneth Gray, Indiana District 3, held by Frank McCloskey, the Incumbent Democratian of Texas District 5, taken from the Democratis by a Republican, Joe Barton.

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

But interest throughout the the septuagenarian Mr Cher-

Parley Democrat.
Other results not included in The Times results table on November 8, or only published in later editions, were:

ousted in army coup Nounkchott (Renter) The

President

former Mauritanian Prime Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Maaouya Ould Taya, seized power here yesterday in a coup, Nounkchott radio said.

The radio added that night curfew had been imposed and all airports closed until further notice.
The Mauritanian President,

Lieutenant-Colonel Muham-mad Khouna Ould Haidalla,

was reported to have left the Burundi capital Bujumbura, where he was attending the Franco-African summit meeting for an unknown destination.

Mauritania, a poor, largely desert country in West Africa, has had a turbulent history since the Army overthrew the pro-western President Moktar Ould Daddah in 1979. Lieutenant Calcard Haidella man history. Franco-African summit meetof staff of the Army from the 1978 coup until April 1979, when he became Defence Minister and then Prime

He took supreme power in a 1980 reshuffle of the military Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Ahmed Louly, who was dis-missed after only six months in

The radio said the situation

in the capital was calm but guns had been placed in front of armed forces headquarters. President Haidalla sacked Lieutenant Colonel Taya as Prime Minister last March and took over the day-to-day running of government in a cabinet reshuffle. He also

Lieutenant Colonel Taya, French-trained 41-year-old officer who was previously armed forces chief of staff, had been Prime Minister since 1981.

He was appointed chief of staff again in the March Mauritania has been ravaged

by severe drought during the last decade, increasing already severe economic problems. The former French colony, which depends for most of its meagre foreign exchange earnings on iron ore exports, celebrated 24 years of independence this

Mauritania is a drought-bit nation on the fringe of the Sahara desert. About the size of France and Spain combined. Its capital is Nounkchott, on the Atlantic coast. Formerly a city of 100,000 people, it is now home to 450,000 many of them living in tests and shantytowns. With two thirds of its land already swallowed up by the desert before the current drought, the country now produces only about 5 per cent of its food needs.

Mr Gorbachov, who will be

accompanied by his wife, Raisa,

is arguably the most important

Russian to come to Britain since Mr Kosygin arrived as

Prime Minister in 1967, and

certainly since the visit of Mr

Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign

Kasparov opens

record day

with variation

Moscow (Renter). - Gary Kasparov, playing white, yester-

day, began the 32nd game of his

world chess title challenge against the champion, Anatoly Karpov, with an opening last

used in the tenth game of their

record competition.

Karpov used his last time-out

to postpone the same until yesterday, when he adopted his

usual counter.

several weeks.

victory to retain the title.

Rising star, page 14

Minister, seven years ago.

Mauritania | Three killed in Beirut car bomb explosion

Beieut - At least three people were killed and seven were injured yesterday when a powerful car bomb exploded outside a Druse religious centre in west Beirut. (Our Correspon-

dent writes). Most of the victims were pedestrians or motorists who were outside the three-storey building. The bombing came on a third day of fighting between the Lebanese Army and Druse militiamen in the mountains overlooking Beirut.

Land lost under 1659 treaty

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The 600 people living here were confused and anary yesterday after Spain ceded 300 square metres of the town to France under the 1659 Treaty of the

The only person directly affected is a geologist, Senor Juan Llanso, who holds a small plot of land at Agullana but lives in Barcelona. The town will lose his £60 a year local tax

Guerrilla camp is overtun

Bangkok (Reuter). - Vietnamese troops have overrun a Cambodian guerrilla base at Sroc Sann near the Thai border, That military sources said. Fighting continued as guerrillas regrouped for counter-

attacks along the 450-mile

Implant costs

Louisville, Kentucky (AP) – Mr William Schroeder will not have to pay any bills for his artificial heart implant, but Humana Inc, which is underwriting the experiment, is talking to his insurance com-pany hoping to recoup some of the expenses incurred before the

'Spy' trial

Ho Chi Minh City, (AFP) -An espionage trial of about 20 to overthrow the Government opens here tomorrow, with the United States China and Thailand all implicated, in-

Bombing charge

Islamabad, (Reuter) Afghanistan of again bombing its territory, saying two jets had dropped four bombs and fired rockets at Peiwar Kotel, a supply route into Afghanistan;

Nazi's jail plea

Rome (AP) - Herr Walter Reder, a former Nazi mann serving life in a military prison in Gaeta near Naples for killing more than 1,800 Italians in the Second World War, has sought the Pope's help to secure his

Poll violence

Delhi (Reuter) - An angry crowd stoned the Indian minis M. Krishna, and 20 political workers at an election meeting near Bangalore in southern Andhra Pradesh state, the Press Trust of India said.

Holiday truce

La Joya, El Salvador (Renter). – Left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador said they would observe a truce for Christmas and New Year in their war against the Government. Gunmen flee

Athens (A) - Mr Abdullah Yassin, aged 38. an attaché at the Syrian Embassy here, fired back at gunmen who attacked him at the seaside suburb of Kalamaki. The gunmen fled.

Absent Sindona Kasparov chose a more Milan (Reuter). - The Siciambitious seventh move in seeking control influence and lian financer, Michele Sindona. in a telephone call from jail, has forced the champion to consider a game variation not seen for Yesterday was the 94th day

of play, surpassing the record set in 1978 when Karpov beat 23 imprisoned the Soviet defector, Viktor Korchnoi, 6-5. Karpov leads 5-

Ankara - Twenty-three Jehovah's Witnesses were jailed here 0, and needs only one more on charges of anti-secular

Moi extends pardon to 'guilty' Njonjo

Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Charles Njonjo, al- foreign powers - assumed to though a commission of inquiry include Britain - were grooming had found him guilty of a number of serious offences.

required to report to President

said had been proved.

According to the original terms of reference, they included involvement in the 1982 attempted coup here, and in the abortive attempt to overthrow abortive attempt to overthrow abortive attempt to overthrow ambitions."

President Moi said after consideration he had taken the view that Mr Njonjo had served time in 1980, when he started entertaining misguided political ambitions.

President Moi also an-

President of Kenya.

nounced the release of nearly



• Shuitz plea: Belgium was nrged yesterday by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State (above, speaking on his arrival in Brussels), to deploy cruise missiles in March as planned. He received no assurance from the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr Wilfred Martens.



Belgium and Holland to commit themsleves to deployment harmed prospects for US-Soviet arms talks. "Of course it is harmful if undertakings are

Union and visits to the Whitehall is clearly delighted Commons and leading British by the prospect of feting the industries are included in his man whom Kremlinologists tip Whitehall is clearly delighted I was sold to sex club,

The Assizes court for the Alpes-Maritimes Department is days, however, they told her she Alpes-Maritimes Department is hearing murder charges against two of the men. Francois Tripodi and Serge Pastourch accused of gunning down a third Jacques Snaidero, after the fell in love with the young some and helped her escape.

Alpes-Maritimes Department is days, however, they took ner your must become a streetwalker, and beat her up to convince her. However, she slipped away from one of her protectors and joined three other very friendly young men who found the province here.

She then thumbed lifts as far as Zambian firms face big fraud inquiries

From Alfred Sayila Lusaka

Investigations and andits are under way at the Zambia

Zambia National Commercial Three state bodies, the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Special Investigations Team for Economy and Trade and the Zambia Industrial and Mining

Johannesburg Two petrol bombs were

Mr Edward Manyosi. After his election on Monday Mr Kunene said: "If death comes my way, I'll face it.".

He won his council seat as a candidate for migrant workers in the sprawling black township. the home of more than two million blacks outside Johannesburg, and was appointed mayor

Petrol bombs hit home of Soweto mayor From Ray Kennedy

In late 1981, she learned she

had been sold to an "Eros

Centre" in West Germany for

30,000 francs (about £2,600).

who promised to put her up and

find her a job, since she had no

money.
She said after two or three

home of the mayor of Soweto leading candidate for mayor,

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Sinhalese learn how to grin and bear it From Donovan Moldrich

political solution Delhi (Reuter) - General Vernon Walters, the United States special envoy, yesterday agreed with India that there could be no military solution to Sri Lanka's crisis, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. General Walters arrived in Delhi on Tuesday night after

lese majority in the south came mudali, have repeatedly emphasized that the aim of the Tamil rebels is to provoke the

late in November, when the rebels killed the Sinhalese army commander in the northern region and followed up with a hoge attack on a northern police post in which 27 policemen and three civilians were killed. It was the killing of 13 Sinhalese army personnel that provoked the July 1983 ethnic

Tamils were killed in the south.
The Government imposed a 30-

Reagan envoy backs

talks in Colombo on the

guerrilla violence and ethnic

unrest. He emphasized the

need for an urgent political

hour curfew as the funerals of the north. Once again the those killed in the police Sinhalese in the south reacted those killed in the police station attack were held, and only three or four minor incidents took place. A week later Tamil rebels

launched attacks on Sinhalese farmers at two prisoner rehabilitation schemes in the north-east, and then on two settlements of migrant Sinhalese fishermen, also in the north-east. Eighty men, women and children were killed in the attack on the two farms and 13 in the assault on the fishing villages. President Jayewardene and the Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulath-

Sinhalese in the south into retalizatory action which would compel the Government to divert some troops in the north to restoring order in the south. The attacks on the farms and fishing villages were followed immediately by the capture, kidnapping and possible killing of 12 Sinhalese workers at the

government cement factory in

with restraint. The only blot on the Sinhalese record was in the

north-western town of Mannar, where the Army went on the rampage after one soldier died in an explosion. For three days the Government tried to maintain that the Army had killed only - 31 -- "terrorists" in a er-attack, with the possibility of a few civilians being killed in the crossfire. However, in the face of eye-witness reports that about 100 civilians had been killed, Mr Athulathmudali decided on an official

In the improved climate of relations between the two communities in the south, Mr Athulathmudali has called on Tamils to show their solidarity with the Sinhalese by joining the vigilance committees that are being formed and making known their opposition to The all-party conference on

National Provident Fund and Bank.

such ready access to the Oval Office. Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, delay her departure from the United States ambassador to United Nations may be related the United Nations, may want to the possibility of her taking the job. Conservatives are over the job as Counsellor. supporting her strongly for a top White House post, but even if where a 30-minute meeting with White House Counsellor or a said: "We talked a bit about the special presidential adviser, future an agreed to talk again they would remain gloomy some time after the inaugurabout the departure of the ation (in January)." Gorbachov team of 30 for UK trip Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, sec-ond only to President Cher-nenko in the Soviet Communist

But interest throughout the
West will be focused most
intently on extensive talks with

They are determined to keep

their substantial influence on

the White House, but a strong

group of moderate Republicans,

headed by Mr James Baker, the

Chief of Staff, is pressing hard for an increased role.

Mr Reagan may not have

decided definitely to appoint

another Counsellor, since the

position was based principally on his longstanding personal friendship with Mr Meese. Few

in the Administration are as

close to the President, or have

hitch-hiker was raped, beaten, the way to see friends in Nice. drugged and forced into prosti
In her deposition - h drugged and forced into prostiution for several weeks by two
gangs of thugs on the French
Riviera, one of which tried to
in court — she said she was sell her to a West German sex picked up by three men in a car

club, a court was told here

woman and helped her escape. her a place to stay. But the new The court heard that the trio quickly started beating her woman, named only as Elizabeth H. from London had gone In late 1981, she learned she camping in Spain with friends in June 1981, when she was 17.

Financial scandals involving millions of kwacha continue to surface in Zambia, în separate incidents, two state-owned financial houses are alleged to have swindled the public out of more than 6 million kwacha (£2.5 million) in the last 10

Corporation were moving in to

thrown through windows of the early yesterday, less than 48 hours after his election. Mr Edward Kunene, aged 52, and his family were not hurt. The attack follows the murder by gunmen last week of the

met on September 30, is due to meet again today and tomorrow:

| March | March

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi President Moi of Kenya and was later expelled from the

announced yesterday that he ruling Kenya African National had pardoned his former Union after President Moi had complained that unnamed

another Kenyan to become In a speech marking the 21st anniversary of Kenya's independence, delivered at an openair stadium here before a large ground, President Moi did not detail the allegations against Mr. detail the allegations against Mr Njonjo which the commission Mol.

the Government of the Sey- ambitions." chelles late in 1981.

Mr Njonjo was suspended nounced the release of from the Cabinet early last year 5,000 prisoners

injuring seven, people went about their business almost as if nothing had happened. Attempts by the Tamil separatist rebels to blow up a pipeline from the only oil refinery near Colombo, and an attack on the tower of the state television service on the highest mountain in the central hilis. also caused death and injuries. but concern was tempered by relief that no serious damage The real test for the Sinha-

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1659 treat there has been among the socialist rank and file. Some unrest can be expected with 400,000 more expected with 400,000 people unemployed than when the Socialists came to office.

Guerrilla a Señor Nicholas Regonuo, socialist trade union leader who socialist trade union leader who the Basque delegation. is overrun

white them by entrie dan gumb, street violence over the Governter hann near the f The wester was: Lighting industries.

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Chadian forces must act first, Mitterrand says

Bujumbura, Burundi (AP) President Mitterrand said yes terday that if there were any French military operations in northern Chad in future, the Chadian forces of President Hissene Habre "Would have to

go in first."

Asked to elaborate at a pressconference after a two-day
French-African summit, the
French President replied; "Habre is his own master. He is free
to act in his country as he
wishes Wait and see." vishes. Wait and sec."

M Mitterrand declined to comment on a private dis-cussion he had with President Habre earlier in the day and told a questioner. "The meeting was between us and I have nothing to say about it," At the summit, several moderate African leaders were reported to have pressed President Mitterrand in vain for a commitment to give security guarantees to French-speaking

Africa in addition to the six Countries which already have mutual defence agreements with France. M Minerrand emphasized that Chad was not one of these countries, and he told the summit the French issk force was sent to Chad last year in keeping with "a global concept of equilibrium in Africa."

Problems for two European Socialist parties

Spain: Nato-stance puts González on spot

Señor Felipe González will Spanish socialists for neutral-cent of the delegates would lave mark today's opening of his ism and a distrust of all defence endorsed Señor González's Socialist Party's 30th conference with a strong defence of Span's continued membership stand of October 1981 for the The Socialists are a highly party to campaign actively in disciplined party and the of Nato, even though he admits

Senor Gonzalez announced hammered home at preferatory is option of remaining in Nato party gatherings for months. his option of remaining in Nato-but not going ahead with integration into its military conference is expected to be a structure to Parliament well-ahead of the conference.

New, as parity secretary general, he has to carry a majority of the 769 delegates with him to lay the basis-for the referendum promised by Feb-ruary 1986.

Spanish public opinion was against Nam. "If I had to decide about joining Fig. not believe I would have done so," he observed of the previous government's 1982 decision. Now, when I think about maintaining the existing situation. I do so with my head, not with my heart."

heads the Basque delegation, has threatened to bring to the fore labour unrest, which has "We shall certainly be expecting a full explanation from Felipe of his changed attitude towards Nato, a veteran Socialist delegate told me. But if his led to more than a month of ment's programme to restrucreasons are good I reckon the delegates will be influenced.

The otugoing executive maintained yesterday that 70 per days must as well as delegates. He has also promised to

average by only 3 per cent.

Two-thirds, of industrial

prices have now been freed

from Government controls, and

M Pierre Bérégovoy, the Finance Minister, is talking

about the possibility of freeing the remaining prices by the

One of the Government's greatest economic successes has

system of indexing wages to the use in prices, with little trouble

from the unions. Nearly all

wage increases this year have

been within the Government's 5

per cent guidelines, well below

the inflation rate.

have hardly fisen at all this

year, arter actually tailings slightly in 1983. That has resulted in a virtual stagnation of consumer spending, hitting those firms with a largely

Export industries are doing comparatively well, and industrial profits overall this year are

up 25 per cent in cash terms

year, the biggest increase for more than a decade.

The trade deficit, which reached a record 93 billion francs (£8 billion) two years ago,

is expected to fall to about 30

igher than for a long time Industrial investment has also picked up, rising by an esti-mated 9 per cent in volume this

beginning of 1986.

The Socialists are a highly it is widely unpopping.

The promised Nato-recognizing signmeance or terms in the promised Nato-recognized signmeance or terms in the first time in their signmeance or terms signmeance o

The outgoing executive's draft policy bears with resemblance to Senor Govers actual decision. Even so it faces hundreds of proposed amend-

As the conference will lay the basis for the party's programme at the next general election, the public sector inefficiency and On television earlier this leadership is expected to make the need to give private week the Prime Mirrister said he some concessions to a conferbusiness more pofils.

"completely aware" that ence whose slogan is "Spain, a leadership is expected to make commitment to solidarity".

> the party's 162,000 rank and file, only 8 per cent of whom are under 25 and with regretary under 25 and with entryday worries like rising costs and loss of jobs. In pre-government years membership reached almost 175,000. That underlines the party's

problem of keeping in step with society and how to retain as many as possible of the 10 million voters, many floating, that supported it two years ago. Senor Gonzalez in the coming days must address these people

Bush calls for swift justice from Iran

manded that Iran bring the men who killed two Americans and tormred others onboard a hijaoked Kuwaiti airliner 'swiftly and surely to justice."

Let us condemn terrorism for the broad cowardice that it is. Vice President George Bush said at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, where he met the plane that brought home the bodies, of the two murdered

"Let us resolve that civilized netions can and must resist terrorism v and demand that governments have the decency to bring to justice terrorists, to bring them swilly and surely to

Mr. Harry Clark, the British pilot of the Kuwaiti airliner, yesterday described the final moments of one of the victims. Charles Hegna, aged 50, a US Government employee.

"I think they maybe had the intention of making him speak on the radio. Edo know that he was praying at the time. Then

was praying at the time. Then he was removed from the flight deck and the next thing I heard was a shot." Mr Clark, who said he saw no evidence of Iranian complicity

in the hijacking, said one of the airline staff was forced to act as translator during the the main torture session last Friday night. But he did not think either of the murdered Americans had been tortured.

• KUWAIT: The Government here is exploring legal



Hijack grief: Mrs Edwina Hegna wiping away tears as she waits next to Vice-President Bush for the return of her husband's body at Edwards Air Force Base yesterday.

include Kuwait and Iran, as a way of seeking extraditions, the

eans to make Iran hand over said it will try the four hijackers. the hijackers, an official source said, (AFP reports).

Officials were looking at the Beeston, the British flight 1970 Hague Convention on engineer on the hijacked plane, hijacking, whose signatories flew to Kuwait from Heathrow

● NICOSIA: Iranian authorities foiled a plot last Saturday to hijack an Iranian airliner a domestic flight and yesterday with her son David to arrested all the plotters, the

Two jolts needed to electrocute killer

Jackson, Georgia (AP) -Alpha Otis Stephens, convicted of murdering a man ently survived the first joit in the electric chair yesterday, but the current was turned on again to execute him.

A prescribed two-minute jolt 2,000 volts failed to kill Stephens, so the warden, Mr Raiph Kemp, ordered that the procedure be repeated, and the condemned man was pronounced dead at 12.37am local time at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Centre. He was the 20th person to be executed in the United States

After the first charge, "he still had minor vital signs" a prison spokesman said. "When the physician noticed it, we hit him with a second jolt. It was standard procedure."

A trembling Stephens was strapped into the chair at 12.15am and shook his head when asked if he had a final statement. He bit his fips slightly and watched intently as he was prepared for execution. At 12.18am, the first charge

was applied. His bead rolled slowly and his chest heaved. Two minutes later, the electricity was shat off, but he was still breathing.

The second charge began at

2.28am. Stephens heaved agian and his head again rolled.

The charge was cut off at 12.30am, and his body was motionless.

France: Pressure for economic boost

From Diana Geddes, Paris

With its rigorous economic services and those industrial policy just buginning to show prices still controlled by the positive results, the French Government are due to rise on Government seems determined to resist calls from its supporters to relax its measures and give the economy a boost ahead of the critical 1986 parliamentary elections.

in Spain in difficult times, the

and the policies of Senor Miguel

Boyer, the Economics Minister, increasingly concentrating on

public sector inefficiency and

Senor González's attempt to

"sell Nato" while Spain's EEC membership is still in doubt

worries delegates. But worker disenchantment with the Social-

ist record in office worries them

The Socialist Party's left-wing has long advocated reflation. but it came as a surprise when M Andre Laignel, party treasurer, and commonly identified with the mainstream, came out earlier this week in favour of what he termed a "selective" reflation to stop the Left lost further electoral support.

But M Lionel Jospin. party secretary, made Government's position clear, by saving. Let us do what we



believe to be just and pursue a policy with a perspective be-yond 1986."

theme of "Modernization and social progress", to be held just outside Paris this weekend.

by the end of this year, half its level when the Socialists came to power in 1981. But it is significantly above the Government's original target of 5 per cent, and still far too high in comparison with France's main trading partners.

The Government's target for next year is 4.5 per cent. Wages in the public sector are to be kept to that level, as are increases in dividends and public tariffs, while public

The Government's economic

billion francs this year, while the current account deficit is expected to fall below 10 billion policies will be the central topic at the Socialist Party's two-day national convention on the francs. The Government hopes to bring the trade deficit into balance, or even produce, a small surplus by the end of Inflation in France is expected to be down to 7 per cent

But the foreign debt of 469 billion francs temains embar-rossingly high, and independent forecasters feel France is uncurrent account surplus to meet the increasing number of debt repayments which will fall due 1986 onwards. The Government aims for

8 per cent economic growth next year, up from an estimated 1.3 per cent this year, and 1 per cent last year. But the situation is still very delicate.

Zia promises to step down if he loses poll

General Zia ul-Hao, Pakistan's military ruler, said that if the people's verdict in the December 19 referendum went against him: "I shall step down after handing over power". according to a report of a press conference in Lahore on Tues-

Islamic reforms and pro-grammes and seeks a mandate to rule Pakistan for the next five

day night.

The report on Tuesday's press conference does not say to whom he would hand over power. Earlier, however, Raja Zastul Haq, the Information Minister, had stated that if the referendum were lost, General Zia would continue in powe until he was able to conduc parliamentary elections and nominale a prime minister, ideally by spring next year.

General Zia reportedly dereligious obligation in conform ity with Islam and a necessity for strengthening, the country's stability. He denied that it was devised to be period the rule. It was improved to part the way

What other camera could catch this ball?

Catching frostbite would seem a better bet for most flash cameras.

While they're waiting for their batteries to recharge, the action's often been and gone.

"Here, for example," points out Patrick Lichfield, "The snowball would have caught me first and I'd have missed three cracking shots."

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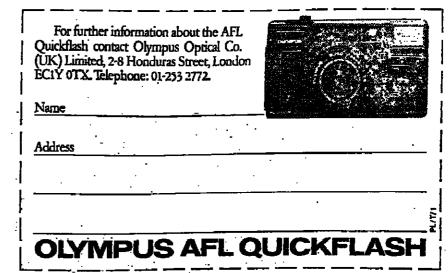
It's three times faster than its nearest rival. And a good deal niftier than any other 35mm auto-focus.

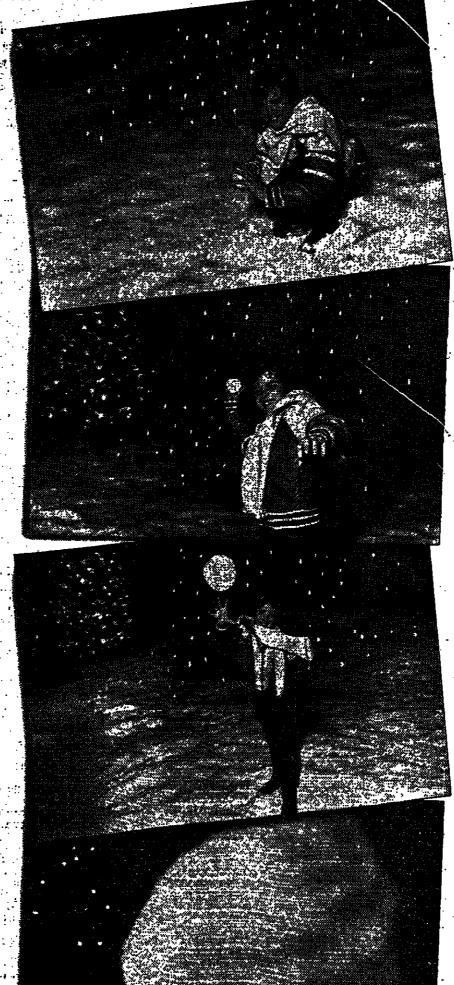
Basically, this means you can click away every 1½ seconds. With nothing to hinder you in the slightest.

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All in all, cameras don't come any simpler. As Lichfield gleefully observes, "It's so simple, I must buy Bailey one for Christmas."





The writer at war with love

anufacturers of the product may be interested to know that D. H. Lawrence used Kolynos toothpaste. He also thought German asparagus to be the best in the world (in this he was deceived, mistaking size for quality). He always used porters at railway stations, but he preferred not to have anything by way of a home help. When he did the housework in Sicily he washed the floor in the nude. These are some of the items of trivial interest to be gleaned from 730 pages of his letters - from that is, the latest volume of what will be a sevenvolume complete edition.

It has to be said that a great deal of what is contained here is very short on abiding interest. Those who wish to follow in detail the full and complex story of Lawrence's relations with his publishers will find most of the evidence here assembled; but for most people it is enough to know that during the years covered by this volume Lawrence the novelist was finding it extremely hard to get into print, let alone make any money. In the year before the Great War he earned £450, but during 1917-18 he was making do on a quarter of this amount. At one point, such was the difficulty of finding publishers, he even tried to place Women In Love with Mills &

The sourness of his attitude to England and its literary establishment may be partly explained by this enraged sense of rejection: coupled with ill-health and persecution by the locals in Cornwall (on the apparent grounds that they thought he and his wife Freda were spies), the circumstances were enough to put a man in a rage. And yet the rage goes beyond the obvious and reasonable provocation. It undermines the sincerity of his friendships, and it exacerbates his enmities.

In the first part of this volume, we hear nothing but filth of Middleton Murry and Katherine Mansfield. In the central section there is a reprieve. Murry is editor of the Athenaeum, and his wife becomes recipient of some of Lawrence's best, most vivid letters. But then Murry rejects Lawrence's articles for his magazine, and the taps of fury are turned on full:

, what it amounts to is that you are a dirty little work, and you take the ways of a dirty little worm. But new let me tell you at last that I know it - not that it's anything new, and let it be plainly understood between you and me, that I consider you a dirty little work; and so, deposit your dirty bit of venons where you like; at any rate we know

James Fenton reviews the life and hard lines and jealousies of rising Lawrence

THE LETTERS OF D. H.
LAWRENCE
Volume Three, 1916-21
Edited by James T. Boulton and Andrew Robertson Cambridge, £25

So much for Murry. For Mansfield, the message was just a trifle more cruel: "i loathe you, you revolt me stewing in your consumption." He considered that her disease was her fault. Did he also think that his disease was his fault? We shall find out in volume 7. Almost the last reference to Katherine in this volume describes her as "doing her last gasp touch in order to impose on people". He seems to have envied her gifts as well as her disease.

In a more tangential case you can understand this enviousness. When he encounters Compton Mackenzie on Capri after the war. Lawrence is at first friendly, then satirical about the adulation Mackenzie gets from Francis Brett-Young. Finally Capri is too small for all of them. Lawrence calls it a stew pot of semi-literary cats". He likes Mackenzie "as a man but not as an influence. I can't stand his island". Unmistakably here, Lawrence can't bear living in the shadow of a famous and rich novelist, when he is not yet rich or famous enough. He goes off to Sicily, where he hears that Brett-Young has bought a house at the opposite end of Capri from Mackenzie. He imagines the two of them with the island between their teeth pulling like mad. But such competitiveness is clearly originally his.

though you can understand the professional envy, it is more difficult to follow Lawrence in his rages against his friends. When Mary Cannan, one of the correspondents with whom Lawrence has always appeared to be on very friendly terms, decides to bob her hair and give herself the Twelve Pound Look, he goes off at the deep end:

She's cut her hair. One day it thundered and lighted and was very Etnalsh, and it got on her nerves all alone in the studio, so she went out and

holibed herself. Freda says it suits her, but ever since I can't bear the sight of her. It brings out all the pseudo-manuish street-Arab agressive selfish insolence which affects me nowadays, as a male, like somethody throwing black pepper in my

At first as is often the case with Lawrence you think he must be joking. But then it all gets too much:

conceit, that's what ails these elderly scavenging bitches. If Etna had any sense of fitness he'd spit a mouthful of lava at her.

By now you feel it really must have been

ut this capacity for hatred was turned by Lawrence into the motor power of a philosphy. On more than one occasion he shows that he doubts the possibility of friendship for him. and in the last letter of the volume he turns. his scorn against love itself:

Why is everyhody always caring so hard about sounchody else? Why not leave off? In short, why not have done with Jesus and with love and have a shot at conscious proud power. Why not soldiers, instead of lovers? Why not laugh, and spit in the eye of love. Really, why not laugh? As for the absolute I have no absolute but myself. And as for vision — two a penny, three a penny, mine go cheap. Kick the pusterior of creeping love, and laugh when it wimpers. Pah, it is a disease love . . . give me henceforth Mars, and a free flight.

This is a most striking note on which to end a volume that began with Lawrence hoping for the Great War and wanting nothing to do with it. It is impossible though for a man in his early thirties to ignore the fact that his country is at war and that men of his age are dying in such numbers. Lawrence's own attitude, which was neither pacifist nor in any sense articulate, amounted to mere egotism; the war was getting in his way. He could not believe that America would become involved. It would be a catastrophe if he did. And the reason why it would be a catastrophe is quite simply that Lawrence wanted to go to America to live.

Every time he is called for a medical examination he goes into a paroxysm of misery, but it is only in the last weeks of the war that he is classified as fit for secondary work. In a way the war has rejected him. He could not have been a part of it if he had wanted to, and this knowledge is most galling to him. He had failed to kill - and if he had failed as a killer, how could he succeed as a lover?

As early as the first book of Moses. Wystan Auden assures

us, it was man's first impulse,

upon confronting an unexpec-

ted animal or plant, to give it a



Classic prophetess, and weightlessness

It's often depressing to discover the stuff of which dreams are made. A story goes that Yeats took some of the images for his around Stockholm's town-hall when he went to collect his Nobel Prize. Another little beginning with a big end was Keats's Grecian up, according to one version a species of chamberpot art with vulgar bulges and bumps. The short novel Cassandra, by the East German writer Crista Wolf, is just a further example of the gap between an artist's inspiration

and his art.

It is the hour of Cassandre's
death. While her Greek capters
drink in the citadel, this
daughter of the King of Troy looks back on her life - from the moment Apollo spat in her mouth the gift of prophecy, and the catch that no one would believe her. She remembers how, limbs twitching, lips foaming, throat gurgling, she broadcast not the usual weather forecasts but unconventional builetins; that "no one can win a war waged for a phantom" (Helen having scarpered with the King of Egypt), and that Troy would fall. She recalls the war, how, before her eyes "Achilles the brute" strangled one brother - Troilus - and dragged another - Hector -round the fortress till he became a chunk of meat. And she brings reluctantly to mind the "voluptuousness of selfdestruction - the hight her sister Polysena walked along the city wall and bared her breast to Achilles, and how Achilles drooled Finally, hav-ing refused to flee with Aeneas, the sole man she ever loves. Cassandra faces her own

Cassandra is a powerful recreation of classical myth by a modern master. She is believable, alive, and shuddering with record of a Greek holiday. With the same mad energy as Schliemann proved, against popular thought, that Troy existed, so Crista Wolf tries to show how Cassandra, in her-

On a trip to Greece in 1980, Wolf can't see the modern world for the ancient. She drinks retsina and imagines banquets. She stands in the ruins where Cassandra stood and beams her up from the underworld. She even meets Helen, not of Troy but of Columbus. Ohio - a girl

FICTION Nicholas

Shakespeare CASSANDRA By Crista Wolf

SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH By Douglas Adams Pan, £6.95

LAUGHING PIG AND OTHER STORIES By Peter Repent Robin Clark, 17.95

anxious to prove "women called the tune in Crete and that the Minoans were better for it". And all the time Wolf relent-lessly implies she is herself an incarnation of her heroine. shricking about the arms race and much else to deaf ears. The fiction distilled from this is worth reading. It's just sad the author prefers the course of her obsession to its fruit: what went into her waste-paper-basket to what was saved from it.

Just the idea of Douglas Adam's waste-paper-basket is enough to make one foam and gurgle. The original inspiration for his Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy was a night spent gazing drunkenly at the stars from a camp site in Innsbruck. The inspiration, by the time of this "fourth book in the Hitchhiker trilogy" (sic), is beginning to wear off. In fact So Long. And Thanks For All The Fish is a novel not so much space-lagged as so light you have to hold

Adams's effects come from pitting the values of the universe against those of the supermarket, and he has some good lines. However, bored by are four essays which follow, absence of gravity and a work in explaining this obsession - a diary, a letter and the transfer of the transfer non-existent plot. As the last line says. "There was a point of this story but it has temporarily escaped the chronicler's mind. Peter Regent's Laughing Pig

and other stories is a bright capacity as seer (normally a distinctive first collection about the attempts of clumsy voyeurs professional working woman in the attempts of clumsy voyeurs to enter a sensuous world. A literature. clergyman on holiday in Greece is seduced by a girl who turns out to be an ancient goddess. A man addicted to strip-shows finds himself one lunchtime ogling his own daughter. When Regent has his eye on Dahl, he gives his stories such violent twists, they lose their heads. When he keeps his own, he can be both acute and deft.

The last Alistair Maclean I read seemed a burned out case - thin and unconvincing - and I had a sense that the old warhorse was simply past his best and going through the motions without conviction. Here, praise be, he's back at sea in World War Two and the faculties seem miraculously restored.

There are saboteurs aboard a British Hospital ship in fiendish frozen seas somewhere off Norway, "Heavy snow, thirty knot wind and visibility zero." Jerry in somewhere about, down below in a U Boat and up above in a flying machine called a Condor, but the Geneva Convention says you don't attack ships with red crosses on them and even Jerry... But, no, the dastardly Kraut comes straight at them out of the cloud and bombs the bridge. Blood and rubble everywhere but somehow the gallant ship remains afloat.

Can the survivors (including dauntless nursing sisters in the hospital below decks) fight off the combined might of the Luftwaffe and Admiral Doenitz's boys in blue? Who are the traitors on board? Is the good German as good as he seems? Or the bosun as brave? Why does Sister Morrison not smile very much? Should there be quite so much Scotch in the

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• The Dolphin Shore, by Phyllida Barstow (Century, £8.95.) I think there should be more lady thriller writers, a few grown-up Angela Brazils and Enid Blytons to counteract the humourless violence and replodding of morseless males. Ms Barstow tells of a little girl lost on the villain infested Turkish seas. There is a

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John Rossiter (The Sherwood Press. £6.95.) Brian Crozier is an expert. His area of expertise is the sort of East-West relations which are meat and drink to many modern thriller writers Alas it seems in this case at least that the skills are not transfer able. And I am unclear about why Mr Crozier has adopted the name of John Rossiter, an accomplished author and Committee Member of the Crime Writers' Association. If I were the real John Rossiter I should be most unamused to find my name on a book like

name: the characteristic of the seven Mitford children would be to give it a nick-name especially a member of the family. Nick-names abound righten each other with after throughout Jonathan Guinmic. maybe, but it makes a rine's book; and the element of • The Andropov Deception, by reproach. This is the latest in the collection of Mitfordiana which Deborah, Duchess of Devonshire, and youngest daughter, calls "the industry" with the same nonchalance that

she refers to her great house. Chaisworth, as "the Dump". A family friend noted the seven Mitfords were forever breaking out into shouts of laughter, or breaking down in floods of tears, and amid the shouls and floods, often initiated by Nancy, a profusion of breathless nicknames emerge this. Next time I write a book I with the imaginative precision shall call myself Jeffrey Archer. of Captain Gronow's memoirs. or the Drones Club. His brothers and sisters called the

second Lord Redesdale The Old Ape, his children called him The Poor Old Male, Forgery, and Farve: his wife, The Poor Old Female, and Muv. Nancy was Blob Nose. Octopus Untruth, and The Old French Lady: Pamela was Woman, or Woomling: the only son. Tom. Tud or Tuddamy: Diana an unlikely Aunt Honks; Unity, a predictable Valkyrie (even in pre-Nazi days); Jessica was the attractive Decca, or Little D; Deborah, Debo, or Stubby; or The Nine-Year-Old, supposedly, and unconvincing-ly, referring to her mental age; nd there were countless others from the benign Old Tollgater, for Nancy's first husband, Peter Rodd, to Von und Zu for the less than benign Hermann Goering.

Goering.

Jonathan Guinness, eldest of fiction apart, the sisters' own the two sons of Diana Mitford, by her first husband the poet,

Yet more shrieks and floods Patrick Garland

THEHOUSEOF MITFORD By Jonathan Guinness Hutchinson, £12.95

Bryan Gumness, has set the glamorous Mitford Girls (in John Betjeman's catch phrase of throughout Jonathan Guin- the thirties) and their easily ness's, and his daughter Cathe- overlooked brother, Tom, within the context of the wild mockery, alternately ad- previous generations. miring and sharp, pervades this achieve a historical perspective saga of a family who still persist Mr Guinness spends a couple of hundred pages of relatively flat hundred pages of relatively flat family history devoted to the maternal and paternal grandfathers, and the Redesdales emerge as surprisingly recent aristocrats despite their ancientsounding name. Both Grand-fathers betrayed hints of oddity about hygiene, house-building, diet, children, and the medical profession, which emerge with such bravura in grand-daughter Nancy's novels, and a great deal of Uncle Matthew's idiosyncrasy can be seen in the behaviour of David Bertram

> He was the one who, among other furiously held convic-tions, disputed the right of women to enter the House Lords, because they might monopolize the only lavatory; and who believed that to abolish the Upper House would undermine the very foun-

Mitford, the second

Ogilvy

dations of Christianty. The truth is, the six sisters one has to leave out Tom, the enigmatic brother, who was killed in Burma in the last year of the war - for all their snobbery, affectation, and silliness, their teases, unrepentant brightness, and even the unmis-takeable "Mitford voice", described as "a sort of sagging" are outstanding and extraordinary in almost every way. They fall generously into the category of people who, had they not existed, could not have pro-voked invention. Mr Guinness

often defensive positions adopted by the C.P. Jessica-lion, against the N.S.P. Dianalion, against the N.S.P. Diana-unicorn. "Oh, dear" com-plained Nancy to Unity, with justification. "I wish I had never been born into a family of fanatics. oh, dear.!" For in-deed she was, and there is always the awkward spectre of Unity, and the uneasy wartime role of Lady Mosley to confront her, and us. Mr Guinness remembers his Aunt Bobo (Unity) well, and found in her life on Inchken-neth island the division of angry

child and wounded adult unnerving, following her botched suicide attempt in the Englischer Garten in Munich. Not for nothing, even in fun, did her sharp, adoring sister, Nancy, address Unity as: "Head of bone, heart of stone. Much later, her friend Mrs Hammersley wrote to Nancy, a propos of her hero-worship of De Gaulle: "You Mitfords like dictators!" To which Nancy replied firmly: "I do not!" Nor clearly does the Duchess of Devonshire, and her sister, Pamela Jackson visiting Unity. amela Jackson, visiting Unity in 1935 in Munich for the Oktoberfest, found Hitler, "very ordinary, like an old farmer in

his khaki suit", which speaks well for Mitford common sense. There are one or infelicities: Henry Yo novels are described as "appealing to a minority; but will never be forgotten"; and rather too many celebrities "come" to Diana's house at Biddesden or Highbury, "Brian Howard came, of course" and "a i "a who London acquaintance never actually came was Tom Driberg, very left-wing and indefatigably homosexual Otherwise, as in Nancy's intro duction to her edition of the Stanley family letters: "Here is the picture of a dead world, past and gone now that the music has stopped, its echo must have a nostalgic charm..." Evelyn Waugh, a month before he died, wrote in a letter to Lady Mosley. "All you Mitfords seem to have great stamina". Yes. They have.

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A HISTORY OF ECCLESIASTICAL DRESS By Janet Mayo

and Wales barely figure. in histories of dress than verbal

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ing around Rome at the turn of the eighteenth century.

Janet Mayo's A History of Ecclesiastical Dress is a useful

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Nothing is more maddening descriptions of articles of clothing minus illustration.

the book's most interesting contribution is to chart what happened in post-Reformation England. Copes and surplices went on although denounced as popish rags. What does emerge is that the

clergy are about as much controlled by the edicts of the This book could have been so much better if it had omitted some of its half-tone blocks, Church as the lairy were by many of which are from sumptuary laws. It has always had and still has its dandies. continental sources anyway, and presented a set of diagrams Even in 1429 the Bishop of St and patterns for each period David's was lamenting that "in this country clergy, have no fixed habit assigned to them, and garment. The glossary does not make up for this lack and in either in shape or colour, and any case it is woofully lacking in references. Although therefore may wear any kind of dress which is suitable to their medieval ^ anglicanum is a well ploughed field, the revival of ecclesiastical state". On the whole the clergy are meant to look dowdy and embroidery prompted by the with this as an objective settles on the British Isles or ritualist movement in the last

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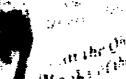
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Every year Whitehall sets spending targets for authorities throughout the country.

This year, under the new ratecapping laws, these targets have become absolute spending limits for those authorities on the so-called "government hit-list."

So it is more important than ever to understand how Whitehall sets its targets in the first place.

According to the 1984 Audit Commission Report (a government document) they are based on information that is inadequate and out of date.

Which is bad enough. But matters are made worse by the fact that Whitehall sets more than one target for each authority.

There's one based on its assessment of general needs throughout the country. And another based on precedents of needs and spending in each area.

The difference between the two is often quite staggering. For example, an authority which actually underspent one target by 4 per cent were judged to be 82 per cent overspenders

Whitehall also has the power to put its own value on particular local needs, or to increase or decrease money allowed for exceptional cases.

So it can and does treat prosperous and poor communities differently. But not quite in the way you might expect.

For example, the biggest overspender in the country (according to government figures) is the extremely affluent City of London. Yet the City of London will not be ratecapped.

The most deprived borough in the country (again according to a government assessment) will be ratecapped.

Even though its spending plans are decidedly modest by comparison, and its needs enormous.

So Whitehall not only makes the rules, it applies them in arbitrary, inefficient and unjust ways.

And as nobody can vote out a Whitehall civil servant, the traditional democratic means of ensuring fair play no longer apply.

Katecapping makes no sense.

The Times Profile: Terry Wogan

Terry Wogan breaks off from round. Or what would happen if the conversation, envivels in his a hole was dug through to chair, flicks a switch and says Australia and Wogan jumped into a microphone: "Yes, I'm down it? It was popularly sure you are." He is replying to assumed that he would land the refrain of Devoted To You. lightly on his feet on Bondi which everybody else in the studio had forgotten.

The essence of the Wogan

About four million Radio 2 listeners are tuned in however, and Wogan, half listening behind the off-the-air studio chatter, is ready. A finely-honed reflex has swung into action, but with the Wogan voice back on the air the mechanical perfection of his movements is His typical gag is the thinly-replaced by fumbling, a few veiled put-down, then palliated hummed bars and the shuffling effortlessly by self-deprecation.

is to happen next. He alights on a listener's letter. It proposes that a new roundabout should be named after him. He laughs, improvises a little on the idea. flicks on the next record and swivels back into the conver-

The irony is that almost all of music in his two and a half

'I was pioneer of the radio pause. I never subscribed to the view that there should be noise all the time'

listens to music at home. The records are there just to provide with perhaps calculated ner-breathing space between his vousness. "I don't like it too flights of fancy and listeners' slick."

It is al! done, he explains, "on the wing". He works without notes and the first glimpse he has of the letters is when he Producers do not have the picks them up to read on the vocabulary to cope with unarair. Hence the unusual number pauses on his show. pioneered the pause on radio."

but after 12 years nobody country without a flicker of believes that Terry is about to uncertainty at his little illusion. fall accidentally. He is preparing Gloria Hunniford, who is to jump off deliberately, however. On 28 December he is to leave Radio 2 to prepare for his makes the effort to lie. three-nights-a-week television chat show which starts in February on BBCI. The announcement that this was about to happen doubled his weekly mail from 1,000 to 2,000 letters. most playing along with his little conceit that he had been

Perhans one of the most impressive tributes to the way in which Wogan has moulded his radio audience is the number of letters written in flawless Woganese, an ironic, mockingly pompous dialect of English especially suited to the claboration of private fantasies.

There was, for example, the prolonged debate between Wogan and his public about why, if the earth was spinning. it was not possible simply to rise off the ground in a balloon and wait for Hawaji to come

style lies in his ability to transform any crisis into a fragment of witty triviality. Nothing that can go wrong cannot be laughed off. His characteristic movement is a light, athletic skip, contrasting ironically with his burly build. papers. With Wogan in charge the He has little idea about what pleasure lies in the discovery to happen next. He alights on that he has forgotten to put a record on the turntable and hearing himsell. how he extricates

Then, of course, there is the daily patter with Jimmy Young, the disc jockey whose show follows his. Ostensibly Young is coming in to plug his own show, those four million listeners but he is there really for the could not care less about backchat. Young enters, stands Devoted To You or any of the over Wogan's desk and tries to run idly through his schedule. hour show. They switch on and they stay switched on because of Wogan. The show is about back, ever more gamely as the years have gone by: then they both retire unscathed.

All over the country, housewives go back to the children. and motorists notice that the lights have been green for some time. It is a national event, a daily ritual.

about the television series

begins to emerge. He knows he is better at radio - the medium

that has nurtured and fed his enormous popularity. Cutting loose at the age of 46 is an

awesome prospect, but there is a

curious invulnerability about

Wogan and it is this which seems to lie at the heart of his

He was born into a middle-

class household in Limerick.

His father managed a grocery, store and was subsequently

promoted to a better job in

Dublin, Wogan had "the sense

The BBC have Robin

Day, Esther Rantzen,

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broadcasting via banking and a

seemingly unproductive year

With his wife. Helen, and his

first son. Alan, he gambled on

Britain in 1969 as stand-in for

Jimmy Young on BBC radio. A

first child, a daughter, had died

at the age of three weeks, a

tragedy that seems to stand

oddly alone in his largely

Since then his rise to the top

has been relentless. Some years

after being given his own radio

show, he tested the water in

television via chat shows and

Blankey-Blank, a game show of transcendent banality.

Throughout the gives the impression of moving systematically towards a style which

would allow him simply to be

himself, to be allowed to ad-lib

and subvert mildly to his heart's

studying philosophy.

untroubled progress.

Wogan winds up the show just as the clock shows 10am. music in the same sense that Wind-ups are sensitive Dallas is about oil: not at all.

Wogan himself is indifferent can cause a sickening loss of the records and according to most of the records and according to the reco to most of the records and never listeners between programmes, listens to music at home. The "Was that too slick?" he asks

"Nice programme, Ter", says the producer. What else could market, defined the criteria. guable success. beaten into me" by the Jesuits at Belvedere, Joyce's old school, and made his way into Irish Next on this particular

morning is a recording for Irish he claims. "I never subscribed to the view that there had to noise all the time: you should give people time to think."

It is a breathtaking high-wire act of broadcasting technique, but after 12 years nobed to the benefit of the old country without a flicker of recorded next, is not so good: a shadow crosses her face as she

> Next accompanied by small and slightly baffling entourage, it is coffee at St Georges Hotel, which overlooks Broadcasting House. Waiters are solicitous, and guests and passers-by pause to note The Presence. Wogan is an environment, partly because of the pervasive quality of radio, but also because the world feels it has a claim on his personality. He is like British Telecom. only every share is different. Some get the reference to James Joyce when he calls Young "the old artificer"; other sense that he is theirs to the point where they feel jealous of Sophia Loren and Raquel Welch when they appear

As he calms down from the dutiful gregariousness, the shift-ing roles he plays for each

person he meets, the anxiety



mething you can foist on the in Stoke Poges it does the average producer.

"it's the only small talent I have" he says. "You can look at research, but not for too long. An interview is an interview. The important thing is what you get out of the person."

The real point, however, is at the right speed."
that, deeply as Wogan thinks
about what he is doing, it is the
fumbles and all - to to mountain that has come to him. The personality, for the moment, works, and broadcasting has had to adapt to accommodate him, not the other way round. In part this has been an inevitable step. The theatrical traditions of British broadcasting had long worn thin with their patronising and highly prepared approach. Wogan does not have a single drop of threatrical blood in his

reins and believes that tele-

vision and radio trickery should

be dispensed with. "It's not an

content. This can be done only is when somebody laughs in with the full confidence of the the stalls and then somebody industry, itself. Turning up clse laughs in the circle. But scriptless and unprepared is not with radio, if somebody laughs listeners are going to smile in

Barnsley. "I believe the way to do radio. is without an excessive sense of the technicalities. I've never thought it mattered tuppence whether the record was playing

Transferring this art - pauses. fumbles and all - to television may prove impossible. Yet he is determined. He wants the show to be live. What you are paid for is walking in off the street and being able to talk. What the hell is the point of appearing in front of a camera - for which you are being paid a lot of money - carrying a big clip-board? Anybody could do that."

Simple as this may sound, it creates immense difficulties: guests who dry up, rows, and the problem of finding a sufficiently flexible style of direction to cope. Furthermore, audience out there: an audience most American guests on the chat show circuit are pro-foundly intimidated when they hear that Wogan will not What does the other side have? A lot of old BBC people who are not working as well as they did at the BBC

provide a list of questions. Wagan knows the problem well enough and points out defensively that a seemingly prickly customer like Dallus' star Victoria Principal has already recorded a second interview with him for broad-casting or Christmas. He had casting at Christmas. He was, however, helped by some

unexpected prompting.

She was in Los Angeles and I was in London, and the fellow. who was photographing her in LA had a male nude Playgirl centrefold which he was unrolling in front of her. The whole interview is punerilated by hysterical giesses it was a beauti interviewnor all that

But he knows he works best on television with the home team of guests who know his who fritter away that asset, but Wosan is confident that it persists - that bond between style, who know what to expect them and his public. Throughout in the way of mild offence. his conversation, throughout Woganese is a private language. his version of himself, there is known to several millions, but the perpetual disclaimer. Here private nonetheless, and it takes ... I am, take me or leave me? years of training to become

He thinks his British audience has now had enough tuition to accept him on television, but there are two dangers - that the vocabulary is too narrow to cope with the huge variety of guests required for a three-times-a-week chat show, and that the magic will simply cease to function.

The end would not come overnight. The momentum is too great and there is a lot of institutional backing "Obvi-ously we want it to be right. There's an awful lot riding on it. If it doesn't work it means that Michael Grade and Bill Cotton have made a big mistake and, not only that, they've wasted me. They've destroyed probably one of their biggest assets. They have Robin Day, Esther Rantzen, the Two Ronnies and me

1938: Born August 3 in Limerick: Educated Crescent College, Lima ick, and Belvedere College, Dublin 1963: Joined RTE as announcer.

1965-67: Involved in various programmes for BBC Radio, 1965: Married Helen Joyce.
1969: The Wogans and their first son, Alan, move permanently to on nacio 2. 1973: Variety Club BBC Radio Personality of the Year. 1977: Reaches number 15 in the charts with his recording of The

1982: First Wogan chat show. 1979-84: TV Times television Personality of the Year 5b: years

running. 1979/80/82: Radio Industry Club

Year. 1982: Pye Award for Radio Personality of the Year. Personality of the Year.
Lives with wife, two sons and one daughter at Taplow, Buckinghamshire, describes himself in Who's Who as "jobbing broadcaster", lists recreations as tennis, golf, swimming, reading and writing and clubs as Lord's Taverners, London Irish Rugby Football, Stoke Poges Golf and Temple Golf.

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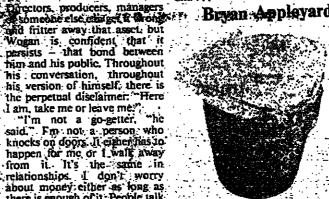
some, but it's not insurmountable and you're well-cushioned by the money you're being paid. People can always loss TV series, but they retain a certain popularity so I don't think I'm ever going to starve. I don't care that much, I recognise that it's only TV or radio. it's not brain surgery. A lot of the work I do is trivial, it's very bansl." Back at home near Maiden-

head, with his wife and three children, he avoids talk about work and they hardly-rever

The huge burden of identity normally given by Ireland to its sons seems lightly borne. Oh, I always get the same question. How do you feel about the bomb at Harrods? Well, you feel about twice as bad as anybody else."

Although his wife remains a practising Catholic, with Wogan the Jesuits failed to imprint their idea of identity; it leaves an eloquent void behind all the "personality". "I still read about religion a lot." he says. "I'm interested to know about the facts I was meant to accept, but I left almost 20 years ago. Now I don't know what I

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The day's over: Wogan's mail reaches the bin

there is enough of it. People talk about pressure in show basiness. What pressure? There is

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Therein lies the final invul-

nerability. Wogan, big as he is,

is not really taking the risks. He merely turns up propless, apart

from his personality, and it either works or it doesn't

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Broken, but not rib-cracking doctor), but I was out playing golf. And I'm afraid the bad

Hello. it's skiing time again! And we all know what that means, don't we? (Writes Uncle Rudi. your unbearable guide to the piste). Yes, snow, and pine trees, and blue skies, but above all - breaking your leg! That's what skiing is all about. You're out there, carelessly swooping down the lonely slope through the lovely trees when suddenly - crack! you're over and you have broken your leg.

Well, there's nobody in sight. because you've gone off on that lovely deserted run, and you've got to do something about it yourself, so I'm going to tell you now how to deal with it. Memorize this article immediately. Better still, take it with you and get it out when you've broken your leg. ... Hello! Just broken your leg,

your leg as far as possible and then tie one ski to it as a splint. This will mean using your bootlaces to tie the ski on with. The other ski you can use as a crutch to hobble home with. Unfortunately your boots will

now fall off because you've taken the laces out. Also, the ski will be far too long to use as a splint, not to mention a crutch. so you will have to saw them down to the right length.

brought with you spare boot laces, a saw and sandpaper. Did

moreover . . . Miles Kington

on a descried Alp. The first question you ask yourself is: Am I properly insured? And did bring the documents with me or did I leave them behind with the saw, boot laces and sand-The next question is: Is my

injury serious enough to war-rant getting a doctor out? You know, a lot of hospital time is wasted by people who really aren't ill, or who have a simple ailment that their chemist could deal with. So before you get a doctor out

to look at your leg and cause us have you? Don't panic. What endless trouble and reschedul-you have got to do is straighten ing of appointments; have a chemist look at it. A lot of these chaps are very good. Don't bother us. Get a chemist. The French for chemist; by the way is pharmacien. Not at all. Glad to have helped. Cheers.

Cheers! (writes Jeremy, barman at the Cocoma Glades). While you're lying there in agony, a drink would be the ideal thing to cheer you up, so I've devised a Gluhwein Mexican Special for you - that's This means you should have right, it's a wine plus tequila

Of course, you'll need four or you? You didn't? Goodness, five different bottles, plus a on you. So do remember when you are in trouble, aren't you? primus stove, and it you've left you go out skiing, always to Perhaps we'd better bring in a them behind with your documents, saw, boot laces etc, then Boot laces, saw, sandraner. Hello (writes a hospital I'm afraid I can't help you. administrator). Sorry we You'll just have to wait for one couldn't get a real doctor, but he of those dogs with brandy was out playing golf. Anyway, barrels to come along Ciao there you are with a broken leg. Sorry Pin late (writes d real

news is that brandy is out. Alcohol opens the veins at the surface and gives you a feeling of warmth, but you know, it also takes away the blood from vital internal organs and then we're into heart attack country. What we need is something that closes the veins. And the only thing we've ever found like that

is marijuana. Yes, odd isn't it? So get out a joint and light up.

Penalties for drug using arrefairly stiff in Switzerland (writes a lawyer), and whatever the doctor says it's going to be pretty embarrassing if you're lying there with a broken leg puffing away, and the first people to arrive are the Swiss Drug Squad who have their own Mountain Drug Ring Busting team, and pretty efficient they are too. Hard men. as well I can't say I'd relish the thought of being beaten up lying

there in the snow with a bad leg. Still, it's up to you. That I be £60 - I'll let you have the bill. Well, that's it (concludes Rudit. There you are lying in the snow, as the dusk descends and the stars come out - and what sters! They are particularly lovely this time of year, and if you have your chart of the night. sky with you, it will be an unforgettable experience if you haven't, of course, it will be lost.

Boot laces, saw, sandpaper, Primus stove, several marijuana joints and a night sky chart. Have fun! Hope you survive!

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THE ARTS

Back to London and Shakespeare the National after a long, long absence, Irene Worth talked to John Higgins about her career

Never stick with the same guru

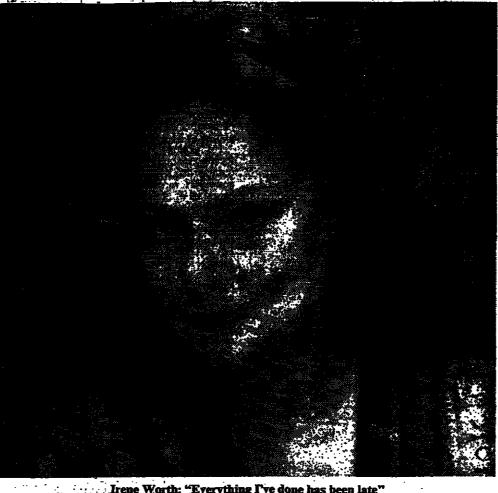
Hall's brief illness, has given her when Larry [Olivier] did it". a re-run of her career. On her How then does Irene Worth rate first afternoon back, there on the role? television was the old black and white movie of The Two Mrs Carrolls, the play in which she made her Broadway debut with Elisabeth Bergner. She walked tation between mother and son into first rehearsals to find out that Tom Stoppard's Rough Molnar's The Play's the Thing, in which she had appeared with Clive Brook three years after that Broadway début. And to complete the remembrance of Moreover she was bred for things past there was also at the battle and the discipline of the National A Little Hotel on the army. Fame and honour are her Side - none other than Fey- watchwords, deau's Hotel Paradiso in which "Yes, I have been a support of the suppo Miss Worth had partnered Alec time and I confess to feeling Guiness at the old Winter

Garden in Drury Lane. National Theatre company. Her played him on stage. [Gertrude Jocasta in Peter Brook's Oedin the Hamlet at Greenwich in Jocasta in Peter Brook's Oedipus during the Old Vic days is 1974?] I just hope I haven't left not going to be forgotten. She it too long. I remember Sybil had expected "a homecoming. [Thorndike] saying to me when had expected "a homecoming, albeit in a new house". But we were together in A Day by

frene Worth reckons that her is a role for which she has been return to London after a lengthy "revving up" for twenty years, absence to play Volumnia in the She acted it on BBC television National's Coriolanus, which is the Elijah Moshinsky proopens on Baturday, delayed a duction but has never seen few days by the director Peter. *Cortolanus* on stage — not even

> "Easy. The very top, the crown among Shakespeare's female parts. Where else in the drama do you find a confronnia and Coriolanus? It's almost the situation between Queen Mary and Edward VIII. Volumnia is a rare woman of powerful her school, the old school.

nervous. I'm almost an outsider to Shakespeare and I simply She is no stranger to the can't recall the last time I there instead in those first few the Sea, with all these may vel-days, bell-mailled respective to the seasons with all these may vel-



Irene Worth: "Everything I've done has been late"

there was Hedda, the number

one role for women as Hamlet is for men." And Mme Ranevs-

kaya in The Cherry Orchard

must be the number two role, at

least as far as Irene Worth is

concerned. Probably her best

Romanian director, Andrei

Serban, and with an equally

unknown actress called Meryl

Public Theater the stage man-

ager hissed at me, during the

"Yes, that was a memorable

very difficult - and the older "But there was, thank God, you get the more difficult it Hedda. In Stratford, Ontario, was an incredible Will that carlier television indescribable, beautiful tri-Volumnia have any influence nmph, although I say it myself. on her present one? "None At about that time I was going to do Uncle Vanya at Chiwhatsoever. The medium is chester with Larry [Olivier]. But shillied and shallied and

different, the leading man is different. I hate repeating myself. I'm not the same person that I was a year ago or the year before that. I've lived more and I've suffered more, and one of the prime consolations of living is that we can always hope for The wait is unlikely to have

done any harm because Irene Worth was some way into her career before she tackled either of the playwrights with whom she is most associated. Ibsen and Chekhov. Yes, everything I've done

has been-late. I was still at "Yes, I have waited a long university in California when some of my contemporaries were on their way to being movie stars in Hollywood, and when later I was teaching school they were movie stars. That's probably why I've never played Juliet or Cordelia. Nor have I done Cleopatra. It was offered, but I reckoned I would have had to compromise, so I turned it down and there's the greatest

course we go on' and for a few moments it was like doing a broadcast in the dark. Then suddenly a phalanx of stage hands emerged all carrying candles across the front of the stage, illuminating that brilliant white set, It was almost as Stratford stepped in with Lear. though the eighteenth century God gave me Goneril [a title for theatre had been reborn. the autobiography?] and then

Mention of Peter Brook suggests that during parts of her career Irene Worth has tended to accept guru figures. Jonathan Miller in that Greenwich season was another one.

"In part that is true. The first performance in it came in the 1979 New York production guru - if you want that word - was Martha Graham. I watched staged by a virtually unknown her teaching a ballet class how to tear a piece of paper - 'Not enough tragedy', she would say, and then demonstrated how to Streep in one of the supporting do it. And that was how I tore the telegram in *The Cherry* Orchard. You ask if I've had my Brook period, my Miller period production, 'I had first met Andrei when we were working Well perhaps I have But I've never been talked into doing together with Peter Brook in Iran, but I didn't guess then what he was capable of. One anything: the mistakes I have made have always been my own. It is perfectly fine to night during that run at the accept a guru provided that you know just when to move on middle of the performance. Stay too long and you acquire The lights are going out all over their mannerisms. How much New York - do you want to growth is there in a nun's life?"

Theatre A wizard evening

The Wiz

Lyric, Hammersmith

From his record as a director of American musicals, a promoter of black theatre, and a pioneer of the electronic fairy tale, you can see why Peter James has settled on this Harlem adaptation of The Wizard of Oz for the Lyric's Christmas show.

It certainly looks and sounds stunning Dorothy's Kansas shack takes off in flashes of sealed-beam lighting, and once she has made the trip down the Yellow Brick Road (enacted by two slinky dancers carrying vellow finger-posts), the Big Green Apple comes into view as a vision of emerald skyscrapers. sparking under revolving spokes of light. The Wiz hirnself first arises on a hydraulic plinth attired in a parachute-sized cloak, and makes his departure by helicopter. Also there is a 10piece band laying down a powerful jazz beat for most of the evening, until Charlie Smalls's score subsided into uplifting Broadway cliches.

The story, however, has gone up in smoke. The Wiz does not simply relocate Frank Baum's fable in Manhattan: it also transforms it into a black community show, and that means there can be no villains. It is OK to make affectionate fun of Dorothy's travelling companions (who include a fine comic acrobat in Clarke Peters's Scarecrow). But there is no question of unmasking the Wiz nimself. He may be a trickster, but he has made it to the top. and his big number. "Believe in Yourself is promptly taken up by the Good Witch.



Celena Duncan, with the searing voice, as Dorothy

Evillene (Earlene Bentley), she characterized and witty; as in its comes on strong as a red-hot enchantress reclining in a bower of roulette wheels and fruit machines, bellowing the blues at her cringing menials. But there is no real harm in her, and she is liquefied in no time after capturing Dorothy. The only outright villain is Uncle Sam, whose malevolent white features confront the scared travellers from a giant poster in the

y the Good Witch.

Plot aside, William F.
As for the supposedly wicked Brown's book is charmingly

handling of Green Apple officials, and in presenting the Lion (Clem Jones) as a wouldbe baseball hero. There are some fine, searing voices. particularly from Celena Duncan and Earlene Bentley. And when dance takes over from dialogue, as with two showgirl poppies and their Matiest pusher, or Evillene's team of black-leather monkeys, even the

story comes together.

Irving Wardle

Hairspray and the Mohican ritual

Mohicans

Donmar Warehouse

t remains to be seen whether Garry Lyons's play will attract the Wet Paint Company's loyal punk following to leaven the Warehouse audience. But for the rest of us, Jem Wall and Nick Ledgard as two Mohicans from Woodhouse, Leeds 6, give a riveting account of their lifestyle. Water and sugar makes the best spikes, they get through three jumbo cans of hairspray a week, and "On t bald bit, you can write Fascist with a felt tip to cover up your acne". Hair

not be in the Queen Charlotte corner shop (Gina McKee) a class but certainly rises to ritual sort of local Witch of Endor.

And that is the point: the play ctually presses the Indian tarallel. Jobless punks are parallel disposessed, persecuted for their lifestyle (though non-acceptance is surely its point), and eventually it comes to sounds of an Indian massacre accompanying mother's description of her ordeal at the DHSS, and the boys shooting a shookeeper and being reincarnated as redskins.

All this is too much to swallow, though Mr Lyons stresses the chants, war gear and ritual offers of Tetley's, and takes an hour a day, which may even makes the old dear in the

Graham Devlin's Major Road Company production is most convincing at grassroots level, especially Gill Wright as a redeyed mother, terrified of the electricity bill and living on Valium and the Sun crossword. As her sly offspring, Mr Ledgard nips up to Woodhouse Ridge for a snift of Evo-Suk (Evo to initiates) or steals a squirt of cafe ketchup in a plastic bag, while Mr Wall's big soft moaner is memorably greeted by a girlfriend with *Eyoop, misery-guis".

Anthony Masters

Galleries

Purist and protester

John Deakin/Edwin Smith.

Victoria and Albert Museum

John Deakin and Edwin Smith west both both in 1912, Smith died in 1971, Deakin in 1972 Both, also, came from English working class families, and both nurtured initial ambitions to be nurtured initial ambitions to be painters. But there the likeness ends. Smith, though he never stopped drawing in his notebooks, very soon decided that he was completely happy to be a photographer. In the I hirties he experimented with a few genres the nude, for instance - with which one would not ever associate him, and some of the earliest pictures in the exhintion, and the resplendent book which accompanies it, Edwin Smith: Photographs 1935-1971 (Thames and Hudson, £18), are of people in the streets of London or entertainers in a Home Counties cathival and look surprisingly like say Rill Brandt's of the

After the war, however, he found his way towards that artistic sense.

specialization which helps to Deakin was not interested in make a Smith photograph the quaint, and never, at least as immediately recognizable; land-scape, especially close-up details saved his eccentricity for his suggest that it was solely the and self-destructive, never liked subject-matter which dis liking a photographer or felt tinguishes his work there is a satisfied with it, and deliber-precise appreciation of texture; stely sabotaged those who tried and the way the light falls across to collect and preserve his work.



Deakin's view of poet W. S. Graham (detail)

different stones or woods or or indeed commission him to fabrics which no other do more of it - all in favour of fabrics which no other do more of it – all in favour of photographer has quite maintener which are the commission him tophotographer has quite paintings which even his near-achieved. Nor does a very est and dearest universally agree active a Nor does a very English feeling for quaintness (not for nothing was he a favourite artist of *The Saturday Book*) detract from a purist rigour and discipline: even his little and the property of the saturday has been been applied to the saturday and the saturday has been been been applied to the saturday has been been applied to the saturday has been been been applied to the saturday has been been applied to the saturday has been been applied to the saturday has been applied to the saturday and the saturday has been applied to the saturday and the saturday has been applied to the saturday and the saturday applied to the saturday and the saturday applied to the saturday app little jokes have to make perfect

of landscape, and even more life his art was always head-on architecture and interiors it and unsparing. He seems to would do him an injustice to have been generally self-hating

were ghastly. As a photographer his forte was the depiction of people. His volume of views of London Today (1949), though it has its admirers, strikes me as rather ordinary, but there is nothing in the least ordinary about his amazing, uncluttered close-ups of Francis Bacon, W. S. Graham or indeed himself: in the first two cases somehow even the extreme delapidation of the only known surviving prints seems oddly suitable and

John Russell Taylor

expressive. The show is sub-titled "The Salvage of a

Photographer".

The strongest of French impressions

Concert

Lontano St John's

Lontano's current concert series has the title "French Impressions" ("The French Connection" must have been sorely tempting, but might have given the wrong impression) and is based around an extremely characterful group of composers including Xenakis, Boulez and Debussy. None of those three were in Tuesday night's third instalment, however, instead the focus fell on André Bon entirely unknown to me, a Messiaen pupil born in 1946 and on the altogether more approachably Frenchified music of Poulenc, Ibert and Milhaud.

By way of contrast, the other concerts have offered English music by James Dillon: this one gave instead a welcome chance to hear again Simon Bain-bridge's 1983 Concertante in activity of the accompanying ensemble. I could indentify with daughter, but there was more strongest light and air, more sense of respite and newly renewed energy, than the moto perpetuo description might imply.

sounds far less active, though there were moments of similarly frenetic activity in this eleven-and-a-half minute fantasy, it was the period of wandering, gentle exploration, signalled by the atmospheric playing of lngrid Culliford as the fine flute soloist, that caught the ear. But there was less continuity to sustain the listener than in Bainbridge's invention: the textures were dominated by the colourful effects of tuned percussion, harp, celesta and guitar, and drifted with sometimes dangerous insubstan-tiality.

André Bon's Fancy fell on

But there was a very high energy quotient in John Harle's exuberant run-through of Ibert's Concertino da Camera (an aptly modest title for a work which needs modesty) and it was certainly worthwhile enduring this less than profound experience to have Harle take part in the concluding Milhaud La Creation du Monde, a really very fine account of this flashmoto perpetuo, a bubbling, Creation du Monde, a really intoxicating mixture of repetitive fragments, relentlessly sustained, providing a vehicle for Odaline de la Martinez's directorarent liber equally furious jazzy irreverence and native against the equally furious jazzy irreverence and native wistfulness. It is extraordinary how powerfully Milhaud's the composer's description of mixture still comes across the work as a character study of compared with most of his energetic two-year-old milk-and-water output: the French

Nicholas Kenyon

Conductor: Julius Rudel



Toniaht, Tues and December 21 only at 7.30 Josephine Barstow "intensely magnetic" S. Times

David Pountney's "magnificent production" Times "To miss it would be simply irresponsible" F. Times



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Television Esa-Pekka Salonen has been appointed principal guest conductor of the Philharmonia Nearly flesh and blood Orchestra from January 1.

ungiving spectator, offering the actor close scrutiny without encouragement, precluding the scope afforded by the dimensions of a stage.

On the latter, Alec McCowen is a voterage solorst and successful, lately with Brian Clark's Kipling, Last night on Channel the took on the heady eye with Kipling and much self-confidence for the best part of 90 minutes and emerged, I thought, with his self-confidence for the best part of self-confidence for the self-con dence justified, surviving even, the commercial breaks.

Kipling would surely, while his parents and cried. No doubt resenting the intrusion into his the luckless boy exhorted psyche, have approved. He was a man with an absession for into man, kept at it.

BBC 1's The Box of Delights man with a single obsession to is scheduled at a time which pendicate it amough the great removes it from the reach of many substitute.

that he was an establishment critic as much as an establish-ment man; not belonging to it but bound by some self-iden-ified order of priorities which he believed to be inherent in the To anyone born after 1935,

his voice must surely ring oddly, but as an enigma he is oddly, but as an enigina he is interesting and Messrs' Clark knobbing and scrobbling, with and McCowen made him as Devin Stanfield as the hero, near flesh and blood as may be. Kay, taking special effects and Perhaps the best clue to that all in his stride, at large in the imperial, unquenchable braveria villains lair. The athribs rise to the occasion, too: Robert of his childhood, isolated from Stephens flying from unctuosity his

many adults, which is their loss.

Herobylously shinks Kiphing The wolves are running before 5 might her have been the man he pin, also Seymour's adaptation.

faithful and superb. The production by Paul Stone, directed by Renny Rye, a name Masefield would surely have thought apt, is made possible on television by the vast advance in special effects techniques. They are used without damage to content.

Last 'night again, much

to rage most unpredictably, his partner Patricia Quinn, as Sylvia Daisy Pouncer, matching

him marvellonsly: 👉 For deprived adults without a magic video box themselves, letus hope there will be the multigence of a weekend repeat.

Dennis Hackett

Salonen, a young Finnish conductor, made his debut with the Philharmonia at the Royal Festival Hall in September 1983 when he learnt and conducted Mahler's Third Symphony at a

• Next year's Wexford Festival will cover three centuries of opera. On the opening night there will be Catalani's La Wally, first performed in 1892: this will be followed by Handel's Ariodante (1735) and Kurt Weill's The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagoniny (1930). The festival opens on October 23 and as usual, runs

• Next year's Bath Festival from May 24 to June 9, is to include a exicotation of Hungarian life and culture, as well as much music by the tercentena rians Bach, Handel and Scarlat

The Royal Opera Die Fledermaus

Cast includes: Thomas Allen, Barbara Daniels, Elizabeth Gale, Dennis O'Neill; Hanna Schwarz, Russell Smythe December 15, 18, 22, 31 (sold out); January 3 at 7.00pm Boxing Day at 1.30pm Tickets from £6.50

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Tickets from £4:00



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Slip through the net

Should he read this week's reports of Eastern European ships plundering Falklands fish stocks. Nikoli Kot will relive a nightmare. Last Christmas, as a Russian seaman aboard one of these ships. Kot broke both legs and was flown to Port Stanley hospital. Lest he observe military movements in the town, the authorities kept him in a darkened room and blindfolded him when he went to the toilet. Kot understandably tried to escape but broke four ribs climbing out of a window. During Mrs Thatcher's surprise visit he was locked in a lavatory to avoid an embarrassing encounter, and was finally flown 8,000 miles to Britain by RAF Hercules where, less still in plaster, he was unceremoniously dumped at the Soviet embassy.

Leaking on

There is no end to the Belgrano leaks. The latest springs from the ICA in the Mall, which is trying to keep the wraps on a freedom of information conference on January 19, entitled Shh... It's a Secret. The surprise star, whom it plans to reveal shortly, is Clive Ponting whose trial for allegedly leaking Polympas documents opens nine Belgrano documents opens nine days later. Ponting's subject: "Secrecy

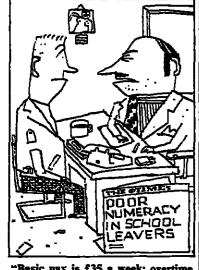
Party pooper

he has taken to inviting potential rebels - like Allan Roberts and Kevin Barron - to tea parties in his rooms at the Commons. The idea is that they are won over by his homely charm over cakes and sandwiches. The sessions go well until Kinnock asks the special guests if they have any worries about the Labour Party, Roberts, I am told, boasts that his prompt reply was: "Only about the leadership."

Home, sour home

Architecture critic Stephen Gardiner was not amused to find one of his own designs on the receiving end of criticism. A suggestion that Stratton Park in Hampshire - a house he designed for banker Sir John Baring in 1960 - was so impractical that Sir John moved out is totally false, he says, and highly damaging to his professional reputation. The Bodley Head first published the suggestion in John Martin Robinson's The Latest Country Houses this autumn, Articles in the Spectator and Building Design repeated it, All three have now received letters from solicitors representing Gardiner and fellow architect Christopher Knight | Telephones were dead a dawn-todemanding apologies and compen-

BARRY FANTONI



"Basic pay is £35 a week: overtime takes it to £27"

Lord's prayer

It's nice to know Bruce Kent reads this column. After my piece on how Brigadier Harbottle had declined to defend his much-slated Generals for Peace group before the Lords defence committee, the CND general secretary has written to the committee's secretary. Lord Kimberley, saying he was unaware that voluntary bodies could present evidence. Can CND do so "as soon as possible"?, he asks, "Our evidence would relate to the abuse and misrepresentation and lies about CND in the House of Lords."

• The royals are all rushing into print. Prince Charles's children's book was first, Prince Edward and Prince Philip followed, and now Hutchinson has signed up Captain Mark Phillips. His subject? A riding euide for beginners.

Rest cure

How has Norman Tebbit occupied himself in hospital? For a start he has read Professor Hayek's devastating attack on collectivism. The Road to Serfdom. I am now passed a letter written to him by Peter Young of the free-market Adam Smith Institute enclosing policy documents on trade and industry. These advocate sweeping privatization which would enable the wholesale dismantling of his department. Your doctors would agree that this is a good idea because it would mean you would have a greatly reduced workload when you come out", writes Young. "After you've spoken to your remaining civil servant in the morning you cold go fishing in the afternoon. Please communicate your agreement soon as we'd like to finish

Two views from the East: Richard Owen assesses Mikhail Gorbachov, about to visit Britain, and Roger Boyes reports on the continuing strains in post-Solidarity Poland

The golden boy's first challenge

Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachov will be stepping out of the Kremlin shadows and into the full glare of international publicity – and he knows it. "Our second general secretary", as officials here call him, is clocking up experience as Russia's one eye on Mrs Thatcher and the television cameras, and the other on reaction back home.

Why have we not seen Gorbachov at recent meetings of the Soviet leadership. I asked one Soviet adviser the other day. Why did he not meet Neil Kinnock in Moscow? Is Gorbachov's position in the Politburo slipping? Not at all, came the reply: Mikhail Sergeevich is preparing for London.

To those who have watched his rise. Mikhail Gorbachov is the golden boy of Soviet politics. Still only 53 in a leadership of septuagenarians. Gorbachov was propelled

arians. Gorbachov was propelled into the central committee sec-retariat in 1978 from Provincial Stavropol, and into the Politburo itself only two years later, with a ready-made reputation for style and

pragmatism.

Where most Soviet leaders can barely muster an evening class diploma between them Gorbachov has two degrees, one in law (from Moscow) and one in agronomy (Stavropol). When he went to Canada last year, on his first major foray westwards. Pierre Trudeau and his aides found Gorbachov "very impressive". Since then Gorbachov has consolidated his position as the Kremlin's second-in-command, standing at President Chernenko's clbow and acquiring control over the economy, ideology, internal appointments and some aspects of foreign affairs.
Sir Iain Sutherland, our man in

Moscow, met Gorbachov for 40 minutes as part of preparations for London. All diplomats who have met Gorbachov describe him as brisk, businesslike, pleasant and well-informed. But does this make him a liberal, a modernizer, a man the West can do business with?

Most members of the Soviet apparatus are men of the older generation who made ruthless careers under Stalin. Even if they allowed a representative of the new post-war generation like Gorbachov to reach the top, resistance to change would still be deeply entreuched. Gorbachov is a fervent protégé of the late Yuri Andropov, and intends to revive the innovative, decentra-



Andropov found the bureau- cracy immovable, however, and so might Gorbachov, even if he has 15 years rather than 15 months in power.

The road to supreme power in Russia is in any case littered with foregone conclusions. Gorbachov has powerful rivals, including Grigory Romanov, who is thought to appeal to hardliners more than the urbane Gorbachov. There is still a questionmark over his failure to speak at the October plenum on agriculture, or attend the key November Politburo meeting at which Chernenko curcumvented the central committee and laid down economic policy. Gorbachov has reappeared at the Supreme Soviet, and his major speech this week on ideology has confirmed his powerful position in the leadership.

If Gorbachov does make it to the top it will be because he can combine urbanity with politics as ruthless and hardline as anything Romanov can think up - if

necessary. Gorbachov is a child of the apparatus he hopes to reform. He was a boy during the war, and still a student when Stalin died, but he inherits a system which is still fundamentally Stalinist.

Gorbachov put it this week in his address on ideology. But in the same speech he demanded "class vigilpraised detente, but also attacked what he called Nato's insatiable war

Gorbachov made his career exclusively as a Komsomol and party apparatchik in Stavropol before his ability brought him to the notice of Mikhail Suslov and to

He shares many of the attitudes held by the old guard with whom he rubs shoulders. He supports Chernenko's drive to reduce arms costs (the defence budget has just gone up by 12 per cent), releasing resources 10 "meet the needs of the people", as ance" against bourgeois propaganda. During his visit to Canada he

defensive Soviet arsenal.
He seemed baffled and angered by what had to be explained as the normal "give and take" of debate, and seemed to resent questions from parliamentarians on Jewish emi-

gration or Afghanistan.

He exploded when asked why
Russia maintained such a large number of KGB agents in Soviet embassies in the West. "You are prisoners of the spy mania America is whipping up", he retorted in a flash of true feeling. "Do you think we are simpletons? This is calculated ideological sabotage to discredit the Soviet Union, to strike a blow at her prestige and authority." An aberration, or had the mask

slipped? In discussing arms control and East-West issues Gorbachov usually shows an impressive grasp of detail, and his ideas on home and foreign policy are often sharp and imaginative. In a key speech at Smolonsk during the summer - long before the Politburo made its historic decision to attempt a rapprochement with a re-elected Ronald Reagan - Gorbachov urged a return to detente. In Sofia in September he again showed the way forward by remarking that a "constructive dialogue" and a "change for the better" in East-West relations were on the cards, provided there was "goodwill and determination" on both sides.

But the same man, perhaps with the need to keep Moscow's allies in line uppermost in his mind, lashed out at American imperialism, spoke attacked "revanchism" in Germany and accused the West of trying to "loosen" the Warsaw Pact y differentiating between liberal and hardline Soviet-bloc states.

Seen from Moscow, the reality appears to be that Gorbachov combines the world view of a Chernenko or Gromyko with a sharp mind and potential freshness of thought, even political vision. He and his generation are now feeling their way forward. Whether the conservative or the reformer in Gorbachov comes to the fore, suspicion or trust, hostility or dialogue, could very largely depend on how he reacts to the West, and how the West reacts to him.

"The London visit is important not only because of the Gromyko and Shultz meeting in January, about restarting arms talks", commented a Soviet source. "It is not just a question of immediate results. It is also a question of sowing the

Generals beset on three fronts

Three years ago today, Poles awoke socialist men with clean fingernails. to find soldiers in the streets, Moscow was suspicious of warming their hands on braziers, Poland's political ruling class, failing stamping their feet in the snow. to understand the close personal links between those in power and Armoured cars roamed the city centres like predatory forest beasts. the dissident intelligentsia. They have been to the same schools, weathered the same crises, interdusk curfew imposed. The Vistula bridges, the television centre and party headquarters were guarded. married, drifted in and out of

Today the soldiers are back in barracks, the telephones work, after a fashion, and Jaruzelski, in reading glasses, declares that the words "crisis" and "Poland" are no longer

synonymous. Martial law destroyed Solidarity as a mass political movement and it converted an overt crisis into a submerged crisis. For many Poles. however, martial law remains a costly mistake: the killing of Solidarity in return for a choreographed and scarcely audible dialogue between leaders and led was a poor

General Jaruzelski, in dark glasses,

announced a "state of war".

But martial law, by bringing a Warsaw Pact army out of the shadows into the political arena, has at least provided some useful insights into the nature of civil-military relations under communism. Can Soviet bloc armies, essentially conservative forces, successfully steer their countries into reform - or are they doomed to heavy-handed failure? How does the character of a socialist army change when it starts

Poland was allowed by Moscow to declare martial law because the army's party cell was fiercely loval to communist ideals, hardly infected by dangerous Solidarity-style ideas. Every Warsaw Pact army has a dual command structure - a political hierarchy that runs in parallel to the operational officer ladder. Political officers gurarantee the army's loyalty to the Warsaw Pact and aim

favour. The Polish government spokesman's daughter marries an underground printer: nobody in Warsaw blinks an eyelid. In the Mazurian village that houses his summer dacha, the deputy premier finds that his neighbours include men who were interned under martial law. They meet in the shop, celebrate a religious holiday with the

The officers introduced to government by General Jaruzelski were not part of this closed circle. They were trained at Soviet military academics and are true-believing communists; neither "liberals", nor "hardliners" but simply believers who feel most at case in the hermetic social environment of the military. Martial law is over, but these political generals have stayed in place: the interior minister is General Czeslaw Kiszczak (formerly head of military counter-intelligence); the mining minister, the local economy minister, the head of the chamber of control, the Warsaw mayor, the provisional governors of Gdansk and Katowice, the Poznan party chief - all are generals. It goes without saving that the defence minister is a general, that General Jaruzelski's Chef de Cabinet is a brigadier and that his main speechwriter wears a major's uniform.

The source of the army's power in a Soviet bloc country is vested in the case of its communication with Moscow. Senior officers in Poland and East Germany knew of the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia six months in advance. Moscow's

disgruntlement about the rise of the reformist cause. The real future army channels not just the Commu-nist Party central committee - and it its relative efficiency as a military was the party cell in the army that force. If Moscow suspects that an took the implied threat from the ally is not meeting its Pact Both Moscow and, grudgingly, the Polish Communist Party machine

accepted martial law as a policing operation. After some persuasion the Kremlin has also accepted the idea that generals can try to move a socialist neighbour towards limited changes - parliamentary and council elections fielding non-communist candidates, or a new wage system. Providing that the army can guarantee order and switches gradually from an army-state system to a party-state system, Moscow seems content to let it rest. But the Polish party apparatchiks are not so patient: unlike almost everybody else in Poland, they take the Jaruzelski reforms seriously. A Hungarian-style system would mean further purges, would deny much of further purges, would deny much of the logic of the internal security apparatus (the Kadar slogan, quoted by Jaruzelski, "He who is not against us, is for us" is a secret policeman's nightmare) and would decentralize power. The only way to stop this development is to convince Moscow that Jaruzelski is no longer capable of guaranteeing calm. That is why the finger is pointed at hardliners for the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko and why the General's men are being relatively

Jaruzelski leadership is now determined to send the correct signals to the Kremlin: through the army, through other East bloc leaders. But although the Jaruzelski group may have survived the Popieluszko case, the long-term future is bleak for an army engaged in politics and

candid about the murder. The

Solidarity was registered through of army participation in East Kremlin most seriously. The most regular high-level Soviet visitor to Poland is probably Viktor Kulikov, commander of Warsaw Pact forces. modernization. The Soviet Union wants its allies - especially Poland, which has the largest non-Soviet army in the Pact - to re-equip. But the Poles, like every other member, are short of cash.

But the most complex calculation for Moscow is how far martial law has bitten into the reliability of this mainly conscript army. On the one hand, the Soviet command must be pleased to see that popular opinion of the army has not plunged (in contrast to that of the police which has fallen from an already low base). But on the other hand the new intake of national servicemen have had their political consciousness forged by the values of Solidarity. One occasionally sees off-duty soldiers wearing Black Madonna badges - the religious icon and national symbol often sported by

Lech Walesa.
If martial law offers a lesson for the rest of the Pact, it must be that officers should be given greater opportunity to air their views. By placing more officers on the centra committee, communist leaders intent on pursuing reforms or even just democratic tinkering, will avoid the risks that stem from the isolation of the army. The military factor looms so large in so many of the decisions made by Warsaw Pact nations that the army should be given an institutional say in government. In the long term though, the army has to have a supportive rather than guiding role: Moscow will not easily digest another general as leader.

After Soho, where next for the killer peer?

A few feet under a car park hut in the middle of Soho lies a man who has waited 180 years to be buried on an island in a Swiss lake. Now, at last, Thomas Pitt, second (and last) Baron Camelford, killed in a duel at the age of 29, looks set to move, but it is by no means certain that his last wish will be honoured. .

Camelford, a bullying eccentric, whom The Times described as insane, reposes in the crypt of St Anne's Church, together with several hundred other well-to-do Londoners. The church was badly damaged by a German bomb in the Second World War and only the clock tower remains above ground. Now the site is to be redeveloped, and the bodies will be transferred to London's dormitory cemetery at

Brookwood in Surrey.

Camelford's misfortune was to have been bound by rank to be a leader of men but unfit by temperament. He committed at least one murder, escaping punishment through his family connexions. Pitt the Younger was a cousin, as were Admiral Sir Sidney Smith and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Chatham, while his sister Anne married Lord Grenville, the Foreign PHS | Secretary. In the end, they were not

enough to save him from a stupid

Such was his renown that his cloak and dagger visits to France fuelled rumours of plots to assas-sinate Napoleon Bonaparte; there is a suggestion that his death was set up by the French security service. He allowed a former mistress, Fanny Simmonds, to conjure up allegations against Thomas Best, who had no wish to pick a fight with him. But when persistently challenged, Best was bound to respond. He happened to be the most accurate shot in England. Camelford's chest received the ball early one morning in Kensington Gardens.

On the eve of the duel, he added a codicil to his will. He wished to be buried at a place he had known as a schoolboy in Neuchatel. "I beseach most earnestly that whenever the times will permit, my body may be removed in the cheapest manner to the Island of St Pierre in the Lake of Blenne in Switzerland, there to be deposited between three trees that stand on the right of the pavillion."
He bequeathed £1,000 to the Oppetal des Bourgeois in Berre, which owned, and still owns, the

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temporarily, in St Anne's Peace came, but the Chancellor of the Diocese of London withheld permission to remove the body, influenced possibly by Camelford's embarrassed relatives. There he remains. The entrance to the crypt was closed up in 1860, but churchwarden Bryan Burrough is certain the coffin can be located.

The interment is recorded in the burial day-book the fee was seven guineas, an enormous amount for that time. The shroud was of linen, whereas most people were buried in But his country was at war with wool, as an encouragement to

British agriculture. Mr Burrough thinks he will be in a lead coffin, probably with bone buttons on the shroud, and the skeleton largely intact. If there is any doubt, forensic scientists could look for the ball which lodged in the sixth dorsal vertebra. Will Camelford's wish be granted? The three trees he mentioned have gone, but their stumps remain. And the Oppetal has said it would be willing to have him. There is a real problem in that the Anglo-Swiss company entrusted with the £1,000 went broke a century ago. Safety invested at 4 per cent, it should have been worth £250,000 by

Alternatively, he could be reburied at the family home, Boconnoc, near Lostwithiel in Cornwall, now the property of Captain Desmond Fortescue, great-great-great nephew of Lord Grenville, Camelford's

Captain Fortescue says the old Boconnoc graveyard is overcrowd-Did he know much about the man? "The first Baron Camelford was a kindly man, but the second sounds

Denis Herbstein | education in the unpredictable ways

Ronald Butt

A Christmas task for the Tories

If Mrs Thatcher has anything to do with it (and in such matters prime ministers, especially this one, have everything to do with it when final decisions have to be taken) the ideas now floating round the Treasury for abolishing some of the present tax reliefs on pensions will take off into the blue and be lost to sight.

The Prime Minister is a realist. She knows that this sort of device for raising more money in order to free more low-paid people from paying any tax at all is not practical politics, whatever its justification in strict logic. She is right. In a platonically perfect tax world there would doubtless be no "distorting" special tax concessions, and this one could be dispensed with in the same way that tax concessions on insurance premiums have been. But it is not practical politics, and in Mrs Thatcher the admirable urge towards what would be rational solutions in a world governed by pure reason is always tempered by a strong sense of political reality.

The Government certainly needs to create a realistic gap between what a lower paid wage earner can take home from employment, and what his family can have from social benefits when he is unemployed. That can be done only by raising the threshold at which tax-paying starts, which requires more tax-raising elsewhere. But ending the tax concessions for pension-building. whether in respect of contributions or commuted lump sums on retirement, would be too politically expensive a price to pay.

It is obviously desirable to extricate the nation so far as possible from the maze of social benefits and subsidies which undermine job opportunities and encourage waste. and it is from this premise that the fundamentalists of the economic right, who are not much concerned with political feasibility, would like to see not only the removal of tax reliefs in respect of pensions, but also for mortgage interest as well. Many theoreticians of the left would like the same because they dislike the concessions given to house owners as compared with house

But those who want the Thatcher experiment to succeed should be wary of reducing a good doctrine to absurdity by preferring its letter to its spirit. In a social system so complex as ours, which has been under heavy socio-economic interventionism of one sort or another for most of this century, it is absurd to think that the whole edifice can simply be stripped down by obedience to strict logic. The question is not whether the govern-ment should intervene but in what

The Labour Party has aimed at a socialist society in which the individual depends on the state for think, from which departmental almost everything that matters, and ministers become increasingly rein which individual responsibility mote as their official machines takes second place to the collective process their thinking from this responsibility. Over several generations this concept of the good society has steadily promoted more to decision. Time to reflect is an and more dependence on governinvaluable ministerial commodity.

gentle brake.

Yet the Conservative Party would like to move towards a society in which the individual who can takes more responsibility for himself, leaving the state more room to care better for those who really need its support. For the first time it has a government which is propared to try putting this theory into practice. But to move to that sort of society also requires intervention, and this includes the encouragement of house-buying through mortgages and saving through pensions, just as council houses, on preferential terms, and of British Telecom, both of which have been a buge success. to the dismay of the government's opponents.

If Mr Scargill's attack on the

constitution is defeated, and it will

be this will be because so many miners and millions of workers in other industries who have refused him support have become owners of houses and other property, and have an urge to be savers. They now have a stake in society. That should never be forgotten, and to remember it involves no retreat from the kind of society Mrs Thatcher wants to build, indeed, what would wreck her-hopes would be defeat by Labour at the next election. She may hope that she will have got the nation on the tramlines by then and that an incoming Labour Party would be unwilling to switch the points. I doubt that. To establish the society Mrs Thatcher is trying to encourage the Tories need one more victory (or at least the avoidance of outright defeat by Labour) and a political

would probably like) the Labour Party was replaced by the Social Democrats. But that end requires more serious attention to political There is everything to be said for a thoroughgoing and open-minded review of social spending to construct a new Beveridge and new priorities, and to carry the nation alone with change. The same should be done regarding the respective liability of the state and parents for their children who have reached their majority. A similar review of the broad taxation structure could also be attempted, though to deal with this in Green Paper terms

system in which (as she herself

The government has been going through a bad patch. Over student support, a minister acted without anticipating the foreseeable reac-tions of his backbenchers. With pensions, we presumably have departmental officials floating ideas which might achieve their ministers' other aims. In the new year, the government will have to polish up its act, and renew its contact with the way in which ordinary people option to that, and funnel them from speech to speech and decision to decision. Time to reflect is an ment, and Tory governments have Perhaps Christmas will help to broadly accepted this direction, only provide it.

Bryan Appleyard

Join the posse, hit the cowboys

am indebted to David Verey and David Welander for their book on Gloucester Cathedral (Alan Sutton Publishing, £3.) and its documen-tation of the sheer, unalloyed horror of employing anybody in the building trade to do anything. Messrs Verey and Welander reveal that in the middle of the 13th century builders were employed by the wide-eyed monks to provide a new vault over Gloucester's Norman nave. The masons in question began by miscalculating the spaces involved and then, before their error could be properly examined, they abandoned the whole project. The monks had to finish the task themselves, the builders having done a bunk in favour of some more

profitable work for the King.

About 720 years later the Building Employers' Confederation woke up to the problem and announced a scheme aimed, as this newspaper optimistically put it, "at outlawing cowboy builders". It is always nice to hear of people aiming low and missing, but really on this occasion it was difficult to manage so much as a wry smile.

What eight centuries of experience had failed to teach the BEC is that the words "cowboy" and "builder" are indissolubly linked: to be a builder is to be a cowboy. Or, to put it more directly, when deception, mendacity, sadism and greed were handed out, the building trade was at the front of the queue. By and large this is not a subject which is often discussed. Education

generally tops the list of urgent topics at the average middle-class dinner party. But it is all a front, The truth is that every sanguine guest is concealing a secret shame: a tale of how he was humiliated by some villainous proletarian who ripped him off right, left and centre; of how his marriage was wrecked over whether or not to trust Stan; or of how he spent £6,000 on a small area of discoloured concrete which would have been the beginnings of a Victorian-style conservatory but for

the fact that Stan went oust and was almost obliged to trade in his Volvo 760 GLE for something a little more modest. But the time has now come to form a Building Consumers' Confederation; it is time for a middleclass backlash. For almost 20 years it has been fashionable and ecologically desirable to "do up" homes. At

first this meant a slow and painful

of Polyfilla and a growth of DIY superstores. But DIY can go only so far, For the bigger stuff - that which invariably elicits a sharp intake of breath from the so-called pro-fessional one has been unwisc enough to employ - the simple-minded bourgeois is obliged to "contract out" the work.

Painlessly our hero is drawn into the fiction that somehow he is a party to some kind of half-reasonable deal in which he expends money in order to have work done. The fiction is threefold: first that the work will be done within a given period of time (time, in the building trade, as in certain transcendents cults, is meaningless); second that it will be completed (a work of art is valery, merely abandoned); and third that it will be any good (no sharp intake of breath is more painful than that of a knowing friend who has seen the work on which you

have just spent £6,000).

There can be no friendly consumerist advice at the end of this distribe except expect the worst. The only builders the present writer ever employed who were remotely reliable or conscientious were a bunch of teenagers who looked like a punk rock band dragged by the hair across the Gobi Desert. The builders with ties are the worst; they have the biggest mortgages and you will pay the price of their financial indiscretion. Your best bet is to ahandon the class war altogether and leave builders to do up each other's homes and presumably tear themselves apart in ghastly internecine strife as pipes burst, walls fall down and damp creeps steadily heavenward.

Last year, reported this newspaper, the Office of Fair Trading received more than 42,000 complaints about home improvement work which went wrong two-thirds more than in 1982. Those who did not complain were those who were presumably too ashamed to admit that Jack destroyed their marriage. humiliated them in ways too appalling to discuss or simply emptied the contents of their Halifax Building Society account.

Life is too lonely and too short ever to have to meet a builder, and Gloucester is all the better for the monks' well-meaning hotching.

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PRESCRIBING PROPAGANDA

Professional interest is outraged. That powerful professional trade union, the British Medical Association, circulates its members urging them to frighten into political mobilization vulnerable patients (who have conveniently never set eyes on family practitioner committees' cash accounts). Even more terrifying, the BMA proclaims itself the keeper of "fundamental principles" of the National Health Service: the same system of health care which forty years ago it fought to kill, the system born of BMA filibusters, wrangling and compromise. That distinguished elderly doctor turned politician, Lord Hill of Luton, scourge of socialized medicine on the BMA's behalf, must be excused his hollow chuckling.

The BMA's hyperbole against the Government's modest proposals to exclude certain classes of drug from NHS prescription is regrettable. The espousal in advertising placed by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry of the cause of the poor and the elderly is risible; let it plead the case of Hoffman-La Roche and Eli Lilly (foreign companies that will be worst affected by the proposals) instead. If these attempts to whip up revolt among Tory backbenchers are modelled on the protests over student grants, the signs are they will backfire: backbenchers are not going to be pressured by American-style write-ins and carefully prepared tear-off slips. The hysteria, however, should not prevent a point being made against the Government. Though right in principle on this issue, Mr Fowler should leave himself room to alter the practical arrangements for identifying the new black-list of drugs. He can still both benefit patient and merit in the ABPI's claim that

A year ago, in protectionist. mood the Government backed down in the face of the pharmacentical industry's strenuous lobbying. The proposal then supported more or less by the medical profession - was to end the prescription of name-brand and overdue reform. drugs in favour of generics. For example, diazepam would be diagnosis and therapy there may prescribed by the GP if a tranquillizer were required rather than the more expensive brand Valium Mr Fowler still faces the same not-cash-limited bill for general practice and the still-growing cost of NHS drugs and he has returned to the battleground with a revised plan. In certain categories, "home cures" such as cough mixtures

tion. The result, the Government

million a year, purchased at minimal loss of clinical elbow

room and, given the nature of

patients. The response, because self interested, largely ignores the volume of self medication that already takes place; it is anomalous that an array of tonics, analgesics and indigestion tablets easily bought over a chemist's counter should be available on prescription. For Labour's spokesman to cry that if a drug is not worth prescribing it should not be available at all embodies the typical inability of the collectivist to trust people in their habitual self-diagnosis and self-prescription for a range of common-or-garden ailments. On the basis of the lists published by

doctor and keep faith with the limited supply will penalize the poor. The list needs amendment, but there is no reason why a sufficient number of alternative (cheaper) vitamins and sedatives should not remain for prescription; to substitute a generic for Mogadon is no hardship. The Government's plan is a modest

Yet, at the margins of

be cases where only a specific pharmaceutical, name-branded or no, fits the patient's con-dition. Were his drug excluded, there would be discrimination against the patient. To avoid this we have to rely on the probity of the closet advice given Mr Fowler. Here perhaps the government has been hasty. Whatever the BMA may claim, and tranquillizers, all preparations except those on a
monolithic. The government
strictly delimited, list are to be
excluded from NHS prescriptogether a senior and genuinely together a senior and genuinely independent committee with a says, could be a saving of £100 brief brief to label the "less important" drugs and so reassure a public which treasures the opinions of medical prothe preparations, at no danger to fessionals. Certainly if there were to be further restrictions on prescription drugs (the limited list already operates widely and uncontroversially in hospitals) there is a case for such a committee and perhaps also an appeals mechanism.

Meanwhile let Mr Clarke defend his corner and educate the public with vigour - some of his recent performances against the BMA have had veritably Bevanite robustness. The policy is armoured by the need for NHS economy and administrative rationalization. The doctors and the druggists may want to turn the issue into a re-run of student grants and so freeze policythe Government there is little making in public health. They

LEARNING THE LESSON THROUGH DEFEAT

The exit of Mr David Mac-Dowall from the directorship of demands such skills? the Polytechnic of North London is, unmistakably, a defeat. It is a defeat for due process, for academic self-government, it undermines those who through the past nine months of turmoil have tried to keep foremost the of teaching and study. Here is the Inner London Education Authority at the careless hands of its present leader, Mrs Frances Morreil - who has the gall to advertise her stewardship as a case against rate-capping. Meanwhile Mr MacDowall's departure is a victory, a vindication of disruption and vandalism on the far left and callow publicityseeking on the far right.

To Mr. Terence Miller, the former director, is attributed the remark that his job needed not high intelligence but low cunning. Perhaps this has been a department where the scholarly Mr MacDowall, a numismatist set adrift on the urban sea of the Holloway Road, has been lacking. Perhaps in recent months a better politician than he would have steered a defter line between judges, students, lawyers and Mrs Morrell. But what officer of the ILEA, Labour and college.

The PNL harbours a cadre of young and not so youthful National Academic Awards extremists, some identifiably members of the Socialist Workers' Party, others not; their brethren are responsible for much of the disruption that polytechnic's essential purposes , bedevils schools and municipal disruption: they must be prosadministration elsewhere in ecuted by means of the internal another blow to the reputation of inner London. These leaders disciplinary code and in the have followers: for too many of the polytechnic's lecturers teach- Harrington. Until now as a ing is a political game and their institutional obligations nil; for too long the absence of academic discipline has encouraged unaffiliated students to believe they can demonstrate and disrupt at no cost. These elements in the polytechnic gave Mr Patrick Harrington and his National Front friends their chance.

Have done with the troublemakers: close the polytechnic, some say. But that is neither practicable nor just. On a split site and in an array of subjects the PNL-does good work. To abandon it would be the ultimate capitulation to the enemies of in North London. There is moreover a clear course of action for the polytechnic's directorate

kind of institution is it that politicians prepared to stand up to Mrs Morrell, Her Majesty's Inspectors, the Council for concerned with its teaching. On one side the polytechnic

authorities must give no ground to those who would in the New Year continue the campaign of courts if necessary. Similarly Mr properly matriculated student Mr Harrington's political beliefs have been irrelevant to his status. He has however recently made racialist remarks which are the subject of a complaint lodged by fellow students under the disciplinary code. Let that be adjudicated calmly and judiciously. A conviction would be slight grounds for expelling Mr Harrington but it would confirm the polytechnic directorate's attempts to organize for him separate tuition. Mr MacDowall's former colleagues owe him every effort to continue his work of administration and they, like reason who have had such a run him until patience and courage gave out, must resist interference from Mrs Morrell who would impose her fashionable dogma of and for all those - the education race and class in every school

AN ENGLISH SAINT REMEMBERED

because of his physical distress, and partly because he was very frightened of dying and going to Hell (though he probably had less cause for the latter apprehension than most of us). Nevertheless, even in extremis the idiosyncrasy of the man was always breaking in. He refused sedatives, because he was not. going to "meet God in a state of his canonization: he had a idiocy, or with opium in his head". For some years he had refused invitations to visit Westminster Abbey: "No, not while I can keep out." He was worned about his black friend and servant he was leaving: "Attend," Francis, to the salvation of your soul, which is the object of greatest importance." He quoted robust patriot, without becoming Macbeth to the doctor, "Canst a chauvinist, or losing his warm thou not minister to a mind sympathy for all races and diseas'd...", and composed a colours, from Hottentots to fervent prayer, "Bless my friends: have mercy upon all men." A young woman insisted on seeing him as he was dying, and he managed to say, "God bless you, my dear." His last words were the stiff-lipped old Roman gladiatorial ones, Iam moriturus.

Samuel Johnson died in the evening of 13 December 1784, two centuries ago. He is a more suitable patron saint for the English than our Palestinian than that, his work as lexicographer and Hercules of English literature, helped to make Eng-

His was a hard death; partly a writer of genius, had a lot to do with its rise to glory. It is an irony that might have amused him eventually, after a bear's growl or two, that his Life written by his young Scottish friend is far more widely read than any of Johnson's own more literary works. .

> Samuel would have regarded as blasphemous any proposal for highly developed and neurotic sense of his own worthlessness. In that way, at least, he was not very English. But in his life he embodied many of the qualities that we like to think are ideally English. He was immensely clever, without ever becoming a remote intellectual. He was a Princes of Abissinia, and even Scotsmen. He was a respectable, dignified, sober citizen, who was never too prim for a frisk with the lads. He was a thunderous controversialist, and he talked to win; but nobody was less of a blinkered bigot than he. "A wise Tory and wise Whig, I believe, will agree. Their principles are the same, though their modes of thinking are different."

He was a self-made man. having survived hard struggles, soldier-saint. George, or that and owing his fame and success other candidate for the role, entirely to his talents, and not at entirely to his talents, and not at Thomas à Becket. For one thing all to patrons, old boy networks, Johnson spoke English. More or snobbery, the Pox Britannica. He got on with all sorts and conditions of men, from the King to the simplest in the land, who were not so far apart from lish the world language that it who were not so far apart from has become. The chief glory of each other as George supposed; the English is their language, and but his closest friends were Johnson's Dictionary, the only women. He was marvellously one in any language compiled by eccentric, not least in appearance

and dress: the English have always liked a Falstaffian quality in their heroes. He was a majestic purist of language, but never a pedant. No, Boswell, the mountain is not immense, "but 'tis a considerable protuberance".

He was a very funny man. The deadliest insult to an Englishman or woman is to accuse him or her of having no sense of humour. Johnson was not only witty himself, sometimes apparently unintentionally (but don't you believe it); but he was also the cause of wit in other men.

Distance makes mountains out of mere protuberances. Two centuries make an immortal giant out of very human flesh and blood. Nevertheless, in remembering and honouring the death of a great Englishman, we would do well to revive some of the very English Johnsonian virtues that are a bit starved in our present national life. Where there is fanaticism, for Johnson's sake, let us have broadminded common sense. Where there are the caring industries, let us have compassion. When we are sure we are right, let us remember that even Whigs and Scots are human. Where we are badtempered and blinkered, let us remember Johnson, and not take ourselves seriously. When we are introspective and insular Little Englanders, let us copy Johnson's vision of all mortals from China to Peru, including slaves and West Indians, as equal children of God. Let us clear our minds of cant, and rant. Let us cultivate our sense of humour, and recognize that most of our sublunary schemes and preoccupations and bees in our bonnets

are very laughable things.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tens of thousands of our fellow

citizens without adequate accommo-

dation. Undoubtedly a major reason

for this is the large-scale reduction in public expenditure on housing,

which has fallen by some 60 per cent

since 1979-80. In my own borough,

Walsall, for instance, no contracts have been entered into for new

have received from the Building

Employers' Confederation, we were

informed that they have estimated that, due to further curs in 1984-85.

housing starts in the public sector

will be down a further 14 per cent (to 38,500). Improvement grants will be 17 per cent down on the

previous year, and there will be a 6

per cent reduction in the renovation

the policy of selling council dwell-

ings to sitting tenants, although, of

course, no such right in law has been

indeed have been sold and, under-

standably, it has been the better

housing stock which tenants have

been more keen to buy, especially in

view of the large discount involved.

Therefore, for the first time, apart

from the war years, there has been a

substantial reduction in the rented

sector and with no attempt by the

Government to try to ensure that

there are replacements for the

As MPs and councillors know,

through their surgeries and postbags,

many families with children in multi-storey blocks are desperately

anxious to move to a rented house,

and far too many tenants continue

to live in pre-war council dwellings

where improvement work is ur-

gently required. At the same time it

seems that some 25 per cent of

building and allied workers remain

All post-war governments, up

until now, have accepted some

responsibility to ensure that there is

an adequate supply of rented accommodation. Today, however,

so many families are, and will

remain, inadequately housed or,

worse, totally homeless, due to a

policy decision made five years ago

that housing should take the brunt

From Mr Nicholas Fenton and the

Sir, The Government has recently

published proposals to restrict the

payment of supplementary benefit

for board and lodging to people

living outside their home area. This

is a response to the widely publicised "scandal" of young people taking long seaside holidays

at the expense of the taxpayer. We

feel it is appropriate to present a

restrict payment of board and

lodging allowances to between two

and four weeks to people aged 18

and over, and to refuse to pay 16

and 17-year-olds in all but the most

The main provisions are to

somewhat different perspective.

of public-expenditure cuts.

DAVID WINNICK.

House of Commons.

Rev Gerald Reddington

dwellings sold.

on the dole.

Yours etc.

As to be expected, very few flats

Much is made by ministers over

to the public-sector stock.

extended to private tenants.

In a brief, which a number of MPs

council housing since 1979.

Walsall North (Labour)

No place to rent at Christmas time

Visual safety on the motorway

From Mr Alan K. McCombie

Sir, Motorway collisions in fog always occur because a driver thinks he is going slowly enough when in fact he is not. No amount of prior exhortation or penal deterrence can prevent this simple misjudgement.

What is required is a means of telling each driver, continuously, what his maximum speed should be. Some time ago, the following method occurred to me (it is obvious enough) and I am quite unable to see any fallacy in it.

It is that spaced reflectors be installed along the length of the carriageway, and the maximum legal speed at any point should then depend on the number of reflectors

Such markers (small reflective tabs on posts) are already deployed along motorways, but their position. spacing, size and style make them unsuitable for this purpose. However, they nicely demonstrate the

on a slightly misty night, six are visible. As the nearest one flashes by, a seventh appears in the distance. If they were suitably arranged and sequentially coloured, it could be stipulated that five in view meant 50 mph, four meant 40,

and so on down.

The clarity of the indication. would in fact increase with the density of fog. So would the safety margin, since the braking distance of a vehicle varies with the square of its

No other proposed system even approaches the potential efficiency of this. It has clarity and moral force; it is inexpensive, yet it cannot break down. Above all, it is continuous. Present-day warning systems lack credibility because both the fog detectors and the displays are necessarily at intermittent points.

Undoubtedly the markers would have to be of cunning design. There would be a question of re-calibration for kilometres and other problems. As an engineer, I assert that a good development team would dispose of such difficulties.

Yours faithfully. ALAN McCOMBIE, 43 Hillfield Park, N10. December 11.

Merseyside to remain

From the Leader of Merseyside

County Council Sir, Your editorial (November 24)

about the future of local government has some general merit but, when you deal with specifics, I am sorry,

but you have got it wrong.

Merseyside is not divided, as you say, by a river. Well over 20 million tunnel journeys crossing it each year attest to that, let alone the 50,000 daily train journeys. Thousands of people living in Birkenhead or Wallasey are dependent for jobs and social facilities on what happens in Liverpool.

There is a job for a Merseyside countywide authority and indeed the Government's abolition case accepts both the continuation of the County of Merseyside and the effectiveness of many countywide services, including police, fire, public transport museums and theatres. All the Government seeks to do is to abolish a directly elected and democratically accountable authority and replace it with more central control.

Finally, perhaps you could per-suade the Government or Parliament itself to grant a proper independent inquiry into the structure of local government in all the metropolitan counties, including Merseyside, so that the county council's records can be put to the

No doubt I and our third minister for Merseyside will agree to give evidence. Your faithfully, KEVA COOMBES, Leader, Merseyside County Council, PO Box 95, Metropolitan House, Old Hall Street, Liverpool. December 4.

Letters to Russia

From Mr Patrick Lacey Sir, Miss Judy Levy (December 5)

may be too young, bless her, to remember a famous precedent for the Soviet GPO's or GPU's Catch 22 rule that "should an item sent by registered post to the USSR fail to he delivered it is incumbent upon the proposed recipient to write confirming the non-receipt of said

Seventy years ago millions of us sang, often and fortissimo: "Paddy wrote a letter to his Irish

Saying if you don't receive it, write and let me know'" Yours faithfully,

PATRICK LACEY, Cavendish, Suffolk.

Limits of the law From Dr Ralph Beddard

Sir, Your editorial comment on Friday, November 30, headed Limits of the law", was inspired by the recent judgement of the International Court of Justice concerning its jurisdiction to hear the case brought by Nicaragua against the

It could equally have been written about the use of national courts in the settlement of disputes between the Government and powerful groups in society, and particularly, at the present time, the involvement of the courts in the miners' strike.

The International Court has always been faced with the problem of how far it should be used in disputes with high political content. In 1948 it said: The court cannot attribute a political character to a request which, framed in abstract terms, invites it to undertake an essentially judicial task, the interpretconcerned with motives which may have inspired this request . . . Although it was there answering a

ation of a treaty provision. It is not

challenge to the propriety of an advisory opinion and not, as in the present instance, a contentious case, it indicates that a court's rôle is essentially to provide an answer to a question of law, whether this is of use in settling a dispute is dependent on many factors, not unimportant ones of which are the means of enforcement and the acceptance of

the decision by the parties. Those who look to the decisions of courts as imposing the order suitable for the enforcement of those decisions take an over-optimistic view of the function of law in society. You correctly report that states are notoriously reluctant to accept the International Court's

The reasons for this include not only the dissatisfaction which some feel for the operation and procedures

From Mr David Winnick, MP for The aim of this is clearly to

encourage these young people to stay at home. Our experience is that most of these young people leave Sir. This Christmas there will be home because of intolerable pressures within the family and would become actually homeless if the

proposals are implemented. As a voluntary agency, working with over 2,000 young homeless people every year in central London. we are already conscious of the lack of acceptable accommodation for single people, particularly young single people, who wish, as adults, to live independently.

We are quite clear that most of the people we see are not "drifters" or scroungers". The people we see daily have no wish to live in shared accommodation in bed-and-breakfast hotels which are often exploitative, overcrowded and uninspected, preferring instead the basic independence of their own home.

Among the other facilities pro-vided by the voluntary sector are supportive hostels for those young people least able to cope with living independently. Presently, people stay for around six months and are often paying a charge based on DHSS board and lodging limits. As the new proposals do not specifically exclude hostels, we must assume they are included.

The practical effect of this may well be to close these hostels, often built with capital finance through the Department of the Environment with the participation of the Home Office, London Boroughs Association and the private sector.

The proposals are based on the assumption that people who have moved in order to seek employment should be able to find work in two to four weeks. In the present youth employment market, we believe this assumption is hopelessly unrealistic.

Even in those circumstances where people will be entitled to board and lodging payments, the suggested levels for central London mean that the kind of accommodation available will at best be squalid and overcrowded, and at worst non-existent.

While we accept that there has been some exploitation of the present regulations, we believe that the sledgehammer approach suggested will do great damage.

In our view, the primary reason for the increase in payments for board and lodging is the increase in homelessness. The Government could attack this by a programme of investment in housing, and a system of licensing and inspecting bed and breakfast hotels. It chose instead to attack a particularly vulnerable group, to make them even more vulnerable, and to undermine the funding arrangements of those voluntary agencies already swimming against the financial tide. If the proposals are carried through, it of young people will be sleeping on the strects.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS FENTON, Director, GERALD REDDINGTON, Chairman, Centrepoint Soho, St Anne's House, 57 Dean Street, W1.

December 11

Sunday trading

exceptional circumstances.

From Lady Warner

Sir, I feel strongly that, in the debate about Sunday trading, the importance of peaceful Sundays in areas such as this one (so close to Kensington High Street) should not be overlooked. Here, it is not what is sold on Sundays that matters, but the sort of shop by which it is sold.

Free Sunday opening by the little shops that serve only the local residents would be most welcome. But Sunday opening of the big shops that attract customers from far and wide would be quite another thing.

We already have, for six days each week the environment that results from their trading, with the attendant excitement of traffic wardens and traffic jams. Free Sunday opening of those shops would take away from us the one quiet day a week we have.

I do not see, however, how such a distinction between categories of

Parliament. Some provincial towns now have big shopping complexes on their outskirts, the Sunday opening of which would harm nobody. Could not, therefore, the grant of permission to trade on Sunday be in the hands of the local authorities, as an extension perhaps of their powers under the Town and Country Planning Acts? Yours faithfully, SYLVIA F. WARNER

shops could be drawn, for the

country as a whole, by an Act of

32 Abingdon Villas, W8. December 9.

From Mrs Elizabeth E. Hill Sir, Heal's, Debenhams and others complain most correctly about shoplifting. It is breaking the law. And so is Sunday trading. Yours sincerely, ELIZABETH E. HILL, Willows

between our VAT base and the VAT

levied in other EEC countries. He

should then launch a vigorous

campaign to persuade other EEC

finance ministers to get in step with

us. After all, when we joined the EEC, many of us told our

constituents that the rest of Europe

needed our guidance; and a British

should generate widespread support

among continental newspapers and

in this direction

Pilley Hill.

Lymington, Hampshire.

VAT on publications From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for

Beckenham (Conservative) Sir, The Secretary General of the International Publishers Association is surely right when he suggests in his letter (December 4): voters should demand that their members of Parliament in Strasbourg request that VAT on books should be zero-rated throughout Europe, following the example

of Great Britain, Ireland and Norway." But the support of British MEPs may not be enough. The Chancellor of the Exchequer should put an end to all suggestions that we may have to tax newspapers and books in order to reduce the difference

publishers. If Nigel Lawson succeeded in winning such a campaign the indirect benefits to this country could be considerable. Yours faithfully,

PHILIP GOODHART. House of Commons.

December 6.

of the court, but also the realization that a relatively small proportion of

disputes can be settled by judges. The short-lived National Industrial Relations Court served to indicate that courts are likely to be little more than marginally contributive where the disputants are powerful entities each with a separate, vital interest in establishing its own pattern of rule-creative behaviour.

Irrespective of the fundamental

beliefs or ideologies of either side, there must be, as you indicate in reference to international law but not to domestic courts, an under-standing of the limited use not of law but of judicial determination. Yours faithfully, RALPH BEDDARD, University of Southampton, Faculty of Law,

Highfield.

Hampshire,

Muffling a voice in Europe

From Mr Christopher Tugendhat

Sir, The Representation of the People Bill, now before Parliament, proposes to grant the right to vote in parliamentary and European elections to non-residents whose names appeared on an electoral roll within seven years of the date of an

election. The Home Secretary has acknowledged that the seven-year limit is arbitrary and is justified only by the assumption that absence is bound to

make links with home grow weaker. The Bill, if passed, would condemn to non-representation expatriates who have been abroad for more than seven years and who have had no opportunity to renew their electoral registration.

This disqualification will apply in particular to all but a few of the Britons who are members or staff members of European Community institutions outside Britain, Not being Crown servants they do not quality for the service vote available to members of the diplomatic and

Armed Services.
The Home Office argues that it would be discriminatory to enfranchise European Community stat: but not expatriates who work abroad in the private sector; and indefen-sible to give voting rights to Butons who live in European Centamonty member states only.

On the first point, the British Government has already recognised the distinctive status of Britons who work for Community institutions in the British Nationality Act of 1931, On the second point, the distinction between the treatment of members states of the European Community and non-members goes with Corrimunity membershir.

We hope that Padiament will necept that Britons violence in European Community institutions and their spouses should have the right to vote in Britain without limit of time.

Yours faithfully CHRISTOPHÉR TUGENDHAT (Vice-President, Commission of Page European Communities, Brussels) IVOR RICHARD (member of the Commission). C. J. CAREY (member, Court of Auditors, European Communities.

Luxembourg), MICHAEL PALMER, (Deputy Director General, Secretariat General of the European Parliament, Luxembourg), C. R. ROSS (Vice-President, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg), W. NICOLL (Director General,

Secretariat General of the Courter. Brussels). Avenue Roger Vandendriessche 81. 1150 Brussels.

Tax and the low paid

December 5.

From Mr C. N. Beattie, OC Sir, Mr Nigel Forman, MP, states in his letter to you (December 10) that no one has yet explained convin-cingly how higher tax thresholds will enable more of the employed to find work. The absence of explanation is due to the fact that most members of Parliament are too out of touch with real life to know the answer, and those few who do know lack the courage to say so in public.

The explanation is that a not inconsiderable number of the unemployed do not wish to take up available jobs, because they would rather be paid for doing nothing than work for not much entra money. Widening the gap between unemployment pay and pay for a job will induce some or such people to begin working again. Yours faithfully, C. N. BEATTIE,

24 Old Buildines. Lincoln's Inn, WC2. December 10,

Greece and EEC From Mr Y. Hitsos

Sir, As the first to introduce the element of blackmail in inter-European Community financial arguments (see her threat to let the EEC go broke by withholding Britain's total contribution to the EEC budget if the Community did not agree to a significant reduction of Britain's contribution to the EEC budget), Mrs Thatcher has neither the right. nor the authority, nor the power for that matter, to attack Mr Papand-reou's use of similar tactics in pursuit of his own financial demands from the EEC.

The best she could do on this occasion, so soon after she brought the European Community to the brink of financial collapse, is to remain silent and let other more credible voices in the Community make whatever criticism is to be made of Mr Papandreou's behav-Yours sincerely,

Y. HITSOS, Lysia Street, SW6. December 6.

Proof positive

From Dr John Penman

Sir, When Mr Ewart (December 5) calls for electronic cricket bats (tongue in cheek, I hope), he raises the question of what this erstwhile game has become. For some time it has been a religion and an industry. and now it is to be a subject for technological experiment.

May I suggest a small radar set on the batsman's head, to inform him, through auditory signals, on what axis the ball is spinning, in which direction and how fast? Powered roller-skates for the fielders are long overduc. Yours faithfully. JOHN PENMAN,

Forest View, Upper Chute, Andover, Hampshire December 5,

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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December 12: The Princess Anne,
Mrs Mark Phillips this evening
attended the Rotary Club of
Cirèncester's evening of Christmas
Music and Carols in Cirencester
Parish Church (Vicar: the Reverend
J. Lewis) in aid of the Parish Church Bells Appeal and the Home Farm

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Glouce

CLARENCE HOUSE December 12: Brigndier Eileen Nolan today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commander-in-Chief, Women's Royal Army Corps, upon relinquishing her appointment as Deputy Controller

appointment as Deputy Controller Commandant.

Brigadier Anne Field also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Deputy Controller Commandant, Women's Royal

Army Corps.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother, a Master of the Middle
Temple, was pleased to dine with
her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.
The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 12: The Prince of Wales arrived at Lime Street Station, Liverpool this morning in the Royal

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Park Lane Hospital, Sydney Street, at I lam today. Maghull, Liverpool

Forthcoming marriages

Captain A. C. Ford and Miss R. M. Birkett

The engagement is announced between Andrew Ford, Grenadier Guards, elder son of Major and Mrs Charles Ford, of South Farm. Pawlett, Somerset, and Rosalind, cider daughter of Mr and Mrs John Birkett, of the Coach House, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset.

Mr J. J. Macnamara and Baroness M. Schoenberg

The engagement is announced between James Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Macnamara, of Invercharron House, Ardgay, Rosshire, and Marcelle, daughter of Baron and Baroness Witold Schoenberg, of Mount Armstrong, Donadce, co Kildare.

Cantain J. W. Rye, RM and Miss P. R. Simms, WRAC

The engagement is announce between John Walter, son of Mr and Mrs G. M. Rye, of West Dulwich, London, and Penelope Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Simms, of Bracknell, Berkshire.

Mr C. C. W. Whitamore and Aliss M. J. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr J. A. Whitamore of Easton-on-the-Hill, Northamptonshire and the late London.

Latest wills

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Broadmead, Mrs Nina Joyce, of Broadmead, Mrs. Somerset Kingston St Mary, Somerset £206,915

Caley, Mr John Leonard, of Flinton, North Humberside £439,412 Crick, Mr Kenneth John Hale, of Stone, Staffordshire, solicitor

Elfon. Mr Maurice, of Bushey ..£265.1*Š* Ford, Mr Geoffrey, of Nantwick Cheshire
Hayes, Hilda Miriam, of Exmouth,
£205,763 £241,586

In the afternoon The Prince of Wales visited Weller Street Housing Co-operative, Weller Way and Hesketh Street Housing Co-operative, Newland Court, Liverpool.

His Royal Highness later re-turned to Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Mr David Roycroft was in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 12: The Princess Marga-ret, Countess of Snowdon today received His Excellency Mr Seif Shariff Hamad, Chief Minister of

YORK HOUSE ST. JAMES'S PALACE
December 12: The Duke of Kent

this morning attended a lecture at the Royal College of Defence Studies, Seaford House, 37, Belgrave Square, London SW1. Sir Richard Buckley Richard Buckley was

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Matchpoint, the morning visited Matchpoint, the Lawn Tennis Association's North West Training Centre at Handforth, Macclesfield, Cheshire, and later opened the first building of the Manchester Science Park.

Her Royal Highness, as Patron, this evening attended a Carol Concert in aid of the National Society of Cancer Relief at the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool.

The Duchess, who returned to London in an aircraft of the Ouem's

London in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan

A memorial service for Lord Howard of Henderskeife will be beld at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

A memorial service for Mr Ron A memorial screen so the Blass will be held at St Luke's,

Marriages

Mr J. Morrison-Bell and Mrs P. Elkington

and Mrs P. Elkington
The marriage took place on Wednesday, November 28, of Mr Julian Francis Tarret Morrison-Bell, younger son of the late Sir Charles Morrison-Bell, Bt, and of Prudence, Lady Morrison-Bell, of Highgreen, Tarset, Northumberland, and Mrs Penelope Josephine Elkington, daughter of the late Licutenant-Colonel R, Taylor and the Hon. Mrs Taylor of Chinchase Castle, Wark-Taylor of Chipchase Castle, Wark-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

Mr T. Nicol and Miss A. J. Thompson

The marriage took place in Newcastle upon Tyne on December 8 between Mr Theodore Nicol, Professor and Mr youngest son of Professor and Mrs Donald M. Nicol, and Miss Amanda Jane Thompson, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Thompson, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Crossword championship

By Our Crossword Editor The qualifying puzzle for the 1985 Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship will be published in The Times on February 7.

The regional finals will be held as

Hill, Northamptonshire and the late Mrs Patricia Whitamore and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Shaw, of South Woodford, Sunday, April 21; Bristol, Grand Hotel (170), Sunday, May 19; London A, Saturday, June 1, and London B, Sunday, June 2, Park Lane Hotel (300).

The national final will be held in

London at the Park Lane Hotel on Sunday. September 8.

The number of correct solutions to the qualifying puzzle received from each area last year was: Glasgow, 122, Leeds, 291; Bristol, 310; and London, 1,179.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Eric Wrintmore to be a circuit judge on the South-eastern circuit.

Send money. The victims of famine in Ethiopia need food and water -- right now! Public response to Ethiopia has been magnificent. Generous gifts have enabled us to rush out vital food grain and mount an emergency aid programme. But the needs are enormous.

We now need more money for food, water, transport and long term help to bring these poor people back from the brink.

Join 'Hungry For Change'. Clearly, we can't go on like this. In the long term we need change. Ethiopia needs it, Sudan, Chad, Brazil . . . we all need a change in the system that allows 500 million people to go hungry every day.

In October we launched a campaign to make that change. We called it 'Hungry For Change'. Please fill in the coupon below and join us today. Yes, we need your money, but more than that --

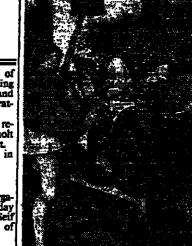
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A detail from Pieter Brueghel the Younger's "Wedding Feast", which sold for £660,000.

Sale room snip for gallery

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Portrait Gallery yesterday bought at auction a charming eighteenth-century group portrait of Burckat Shudi, London's leading harpsichord maker, and his family in their parlour for £165,000 (estimate £150,000 to

The painting had been offered to them privately by Sotheby's on behalf of the Broadwood Trust for a significantly higher price, believed to have been around £250,000.

Burckat, who came to England from Switzerland, is shown seated at one of his harpsichords in the company of his wife, two sons and the cat. It was painted to fit over the fireplace in their panelled parlour in Great Poulteney Street, the room depicted.

They moved into the house in 1742, a date which has helped confirm the identity of the artist, long a mystery. Sotheby's had catalogued the painting as "Italian School, circa 1742".

The National Portrait Gallery has traced it to the hand of a German artist, Karl Marcus Tuscher, who spent the years 1741-43 in London on his way from Italy to Copenhagen. Most of his work is in Scandinavia.

It is rare to find a painting of such exceptional quality without the identity of the artist leaping to the eye of experts on the period. The lack of attribution probably put bidders off, and helped the gallery to buy it cheaply. The National Heritage Memorial Fund is providing funds towards the purchase.

The painting was included in Sotheby's major autumn sale of Old Master paintings, which proved exceptionally successful, making a total of £3.7m and 5 per cent left unsold.

A "Wedding Feast", painted by Pleter Braeghel the Younger after a famous composition by his father, was sold for £660,000 (estimate £200,000 to £250,000) to a European

Receptions

Royal Institute of British Architects An evening party was held by the Council Dinner Club of the Royal Institute of British Architects on Monday December 10 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first council meeting on December 1834. In addition to many council members past and present and their



A painting by Mr Ben Johnson A painting by Mr Ben Johnson Was presented to the institute by Mr Robert Evans on behalf of British Gas. The toast to the institute was the Royal Charter to Queen Mary College A dinner was held at Drapers' Hall last night to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the presentation of the Royal Charter to Queen Mary posed by Lord Bullock. British Philippine Society

The British Philippine Society held its Christmas reception at the Philippine Embassy yesterday. The Philippine Ambassador, President and Mr I. F. Sutherland, chairman, were the hosts.

Mr Rodney Clark was host at a reception given last evening on behalf of Sense, the National Campaign for Deaf-Blind and Rubella Handicapped, in HMS President, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Captain Henry Roberts.

Dinners

Middle Temple
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
dined in the hall of the Middle
Temple with her fellow Masters of
the Bench (Treasurer, Lord Justice
Ackner) and with members and
students of the inn to commemorate
the 40th anniverse of the selection the 40th anniversary of her election as a Royal Bencher

As a Royal Bencher.

A new scholarship fund, known as the Queen Mother's fund, to help new entrants to the Bar, was announced by Lord Justice Ackner, treasurer of the Middle Temple, Speaker The Speaker and Mrs Bernard

The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening. Those present included:
Lord and Lady Stodart of Lessten. the Hon Alick Bordmans-Smith. Mr Alam Williams. Mr. Buchanas-Smith. Mr Alam Williams. Mr. Buchanas-Smith. Mr Alam Williams. Mr. Buchanas Stodard Mrs Browners. De Jeresty Brown Mrs Browners. Mr Richard Cabbern. Mr. Brown Mrs. Brown Mrs. St. Ceel Cothists. Of Mrs. Lucy Ciothier. Mr Derek Foster. Mp. and Mrs. Foster. Mr. Rooer Freeman. Mp.

Peace through Nato

Lord Home of the Hirsel presided at a commemorative dinner held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, last night to mark 35 years of peace and security within the framework of Nato and retirement of the guest of

honour. Dr Joseph Luns. CH, as secretary general.
Sir Frederic Bennett, MP, Leader of the British Parliamentary

delegation to the Western European Union (Defence) Assembly. Sir Peter Blaker, MP, deputy chairman, Peace through Nato, and Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, Leader of the British Parliamentary delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly, were the hosts, Mr Michael Heseltine,



Common eaith Professional

Dr Maurice Goldsmith, President o the Commonwealth Association of

Science Technology and Mathematics Educators, presided at a dinner given yesterday evening at the Athenaeum by representatives of Commonwealth Professional Associations in honour of Mr P. L. U. Cross, Chairman of the Common-wealth Foundation, after he had delivered the inaugural Common-wealth Professional Associations' lecture at the Institution of Civil

Durbar Club Mr Peter Walker, MP, Secretary of State for Energy, was chief guest and speaker at a dinner held on Tuesday by the Durbar Club at the Institute of Directors. Other guests included:
Sir Peter Lune, the Hon Archie Hamilton.
MP. Nr Gyrd Townsend, MP. Nr George
Gardiner, MP. Sir Malby Coction. Mr Trin Renton. MP. and Mr Iver Stambrook. MP.
Mr Narindar Saroop, Chairman of the chab.

Lustitute of Public Relations The council dinner of the Institute of Public Relations was held at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall last night. Mr Kevin Traverse-Healy was installed as president of the Institute for 1985. Mr Peter Smith,

Valiant for Truth Media Award

The 1984 Valiant for Truth Media Award, made to Mass Caroline Moorehead, will be presented by Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, on Tuesday, December 18, at the Press Club.



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Lord Flowers, aged 60, Rector of Imperial College London, who was yesterday named the next Vice-Chancellor of London Uni-Professor Randolph Quirk.

He is committed to uphold the academic and financial policies of Professor Quirk which involve streamlining subjects and forcing colleges

Birthdays today

The Aga Khan, 48: Lord Alexander of Potterhill, 79: Sir Terence Beckett, 61; the Hon Sir George Beckett, 61; the Hon Sir George Bellew, 85; General Arnold Brown (Salvation Army), 71; Lord Bullock, 70; Mr Glen Byam Shaw, 80; Dr Arthur Cooke, 72; Sir John Dean, 85; Mr John Francome, 32; Dr Douglas Latto, 71; Professor W. H. McCrea, 80; Mr John Piper, CH, 81; Mr Christopher Plummer, 55; Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 71; Sir Humphrey Prideaux, 69; Mr George Schultz, 64; Professor G. D. Sims, 58; Major-General Sir David Thorne, 51; Sir Laurens van der Post, 78; General Sir Peter Whiteley, 64.

Luncheon

Diplomatic and Commonw Writers Association Writers Association
Mr Denzil Davies. MP, was the
guest of honour at a luncheon given
yesterday by the Diplomatic and
Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain at the Waldorf
Hotel. Mr Sidney Welland, president, was in the chair.

Meeting

Society of Construction Arbitrator Society of Construction Arbitrators
The second general meeting of the
Society of Construction Arbitrators
was held at the Arts Club, Dover
Street, London SWI, on Thursday,
Decomber 6 1984. The president of
the Society. Mr Norman Royce,
gave a talk on the history and work
of the Official Referees and the
Official Referees Court Users
Committee and this was followed by
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Science report

Fluid physics takes to the air By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An unusual experiment in ated with fluid physics, weightlessness begins today in Kodak's interest in the basic a research project supported science of the behaviour of by the Department of Trade fluids is related to its manufacand Industry, the European turing of absolutely uniform Space Agency and the Kodak films produced from perfect

company.

It will take place in an aircraft of the United States Air Force modified to create the low-gravity conditions of Dr John Padday, a Kodak scientist, will be subjected to the steep turns, referred to

astronauts in training as Keplerian loops. Each loop will last for 28 conds, during which time Dr Padday and a colleague will The flying laboratory, made conduct experiments associ- from adapting a KC-135A

mixtures of complex com-

Photographic film is, in effect, a multilayer sandwich of different emulsions, which are applied in a fluid form. Dr Padday, who is based at Kodak's research division in Harrow, north London, will measure the changes in the behaviour of such substances when gravity is reduced.

four-engined turbojet, will take off from National Aeronautics and Space Administration's centre at Houston, Texas, today and tomorrow. The experimental area is about 60ft long, 10ft wide and 7ft

The experiments are not the first in low-gravity conditions. The firm conducted the first commercially sponsored experiments last year, with Space-lab-1, carried on board the space shuttle.

That test, devised by Dr Padday, was to observe the attraction of a liquid by a solid in the absence of gravitational drainage.

OBITUARY

MR WILL PAYNTER Former general secretary of the NUM.

generation, died on December By accident, owing to the pargain with under a sympa-It at the age of 81. In his day an sudden death of the miners' Board, even under a sympa-tic chairman like Lord an indefatigable leader of the mineworkers. Paynter was TUC General Council in largely responsible for the September 1960. He served for establishment of a unified wage one year but was knocked off structure for miners, a key because his fellow general. Labour Government for failing factor in the unity with which council members disliked his to give coal the priority which the NUM prosecuted its indus-trial campaigns in the 1970s.

Thomas William Paynter was born at Whitchurch, on the outskirts of Cardiff, on December 6, 1903. He went to Whitchurch and Porth element working life as a pit boy in the Rhondda when he was 13. He joined the South Wales Miners' Federation in 1918. He was actively involved in the General Strike of 1926 and shortly afterwards joined the Communist Party. He took part in the Hunger marches of the early, 1930s and led a contingent of Welsh miners to fight in the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War. . He became an executive

committee member of the SWMF in 1936, a miners' agent in Rhymney in 1939, and was elected president of the South Wales miners - by then an area of the National Union of Miners - in 1951, with a clear majority over his Labour party Paynter was elected general

ecretary of the National Union in April 1959. He secured asked for, including most of the

Yorkshire, he was elected to the Robens. politics, even though they liked him personally, respected his integrity and ability, and admitted that he had proved a useful member of various TUC committees

Like Arthur Horner, whom whitchurch and Form ciefficial tary schools and started his he succeeded as general sections life as a nit boy in the retary of the NUM. Paynter promised to put the interests of the miners before those of the Communist party - though, in his view, these usually coincided. When he was elected he declared he would follow a threefold objectives to advance the men's living standards, stopfurther pit closures and defeat Tory attacks on nationalization. He never seemed to suffer from the dilemma of having to serve two masters which had tormented his predecessor. In his own words Politics take second place to the trade union job . . . loyalty to the trade union and its decisions came Paynter took over the Union

leadership at a difficult time for the coal industry. For about ten years after the war coal was scarce and the miners were able to gain almost everything they

Mr Will Paynter, general 249,638 votes on the final demands in their Miners' secretary of the National Union count, compared with 197,334 Charter. But the growth of Mineworkers, from 1959 to for the non-Communist Sidney competition from oil and the 1968, and one of the leading Ford, who was later to become relative decline of coal as a fuel British Communists of his Union president. made it increasingly difficult to made it increasingly difficult to bargain with the National Coal FINAN

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Paynter campaigned vigorously for a national fuel policy and publicly condemned the the miners expected as their

After his retirement from the NUM Paynter became a member of the Commission on Industrial Relations in 1969 resigning his membership of the Communist Party at the same time. When however, the commission was made part of its Industrial Relations Act by the incoming Conservative Government of 1970 his resigned from it. From 1972 however, he played a useful part as a member of the Arbitration Panel for what is now the Advisory, Arbitration and Conciliation Service (Acas).

His autobiography. My Gen-cration, appeared in 1972. Small and wiry, Paynter bore to the end the physical and mental scars of his early days as a collier in South Wales. He was extremely knowledgeable about miners' industrial diseases and accidents, and determined to reduce their toll. A persuasive speaker, he marshalled his facts and arguments incisively and like all Welshmen, had a natural and easy command of language. He was the father of seven

MR VICTOR SHKLOVSKY

works were but the sum of

Victor Borisovich Shklovsky. critic, novelist, memoirist and ism pronounced that all art father of Russian Formalism, consisted of technique: literary died on December 8 in Moscow at the age of 91.

He was born in 1893 at St.

Petersburg, and studied literary message of Shklovsky's over-

history at the university there. He also studied sculpture and architecture. He was the chief founder of Opoyaz, the Society for the Study of Poetic Language. He lived abroad from 1922 to

1923, but returned to Russia and chose to remain there, his position in Soviet literature being somewhat akin to that of the composer Dimitri Shostakovich in Soviet music: an original and profoundly patriotic genius, sympathetic to some of the aims of the Revolution but seriously undermined through having to and by no means only a critic: he was a creative writer of

Shklovsky was not as well known as he should have been; most countries would have been proud of him, but the Soviets. tragically, could never afford to be generous to true originality. Shklovsky's earliest work is the distinguished linguistician humour, forays into literary Roman Jakobson, who chose criticism, and sudden lyrical

exile and whom Shklovsky influenced at a crucial stage, he took much of his inspiration from the great futurist poet Khlebnikov and (to a lesser extent) Mayakovsky. He was also a member of the Serapion Brotherhood, a group of writers which included

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Pririyom" (translated as "Art as Technique," 1965). This stood tradition on its years of Stalin. Then Shklovsky head, anticipated literary strucrecovered his form again, with turalism, and gave symbolism a an incisive work on Dosnew impetus but, as Zamyatin, toyevsky published in 1957. wrote from exile in Paris, at the end of the 1920s "Formalism did not live to make its appearance in the theatre ... it did not survive the onslaught of

RAPP (Stalin's Russian Associ-ation of Proletarian Wri-ters). Shklovsky repudiated the Formalist heresy forever. But Shklovsky was inventive he was a creative writer of But the lively and gifted genius. A devotee of Laurence Sterne, he had written in 1923 Sentimentalnoye Puteshestviye (translated as: A Sentimental Journal: Memoirs 1917-1922 in

1971), a marvellously varied interjections, remains a masterpiece - and an invaluable source book - yet to be discovered in the West. The autobiographical epistol-

ary novel Zoo Ili Pisma No O Lyubvi (1923) was translated as publisher of the Rheinische Zoo or Letters Not About Love,

Briefly, the theory of Formal- "inner exile") and memoirs. His ism pronounced that all art book on Mayakovsky (1941: consisted of technique: literary translated as Mayakovsky and his circle 1971) is remarkable stylistic devices. This is the and the best. There were some understand-

confident, useful, but pungent ably timid but nevertheless 1917 polemic "Iskusstvo kak always sensible and enlightening volumes of literary criticism written in the ferocious final years of Stalin. Then Shklovsky This was followed by more

excellent criticism. When Shklovsky is properly rediscovered in the West it will soon be discerned that he was a great critic, a major creative writer of higher calibre—than some other far better known Russians - who survived Stalinism and operated, often with incomparably subtle irony, under hostile conditions with a remarkable degree of success.

Mr Clarke Tait, who died on December 6 at the age of 49, was Head of Entertainment at Scottish Television and responaccount of his experience in the sible for popular programmes Revolution and ensuing civil including Take the High Road. essentially anti-political. Like war, this, with candour, Hongy and The Corries and Other Folk Herr Anton Betz, who died in

Dusseldorf on December 11 at the age of 91, was a journalist who was imprisoned in the 1930s for his anti-Nazi articles and who after the Second World War became a co-founder and Post. He served a term as president of the Federal Associ-

^{Qo}S prebern, eursji **hug**ra Zamyatin and Leonov, and After 1928 and a series of was a Charter's int ation of Newspaper Publishers. which proclaimed the indepen-dence of art from all political commitment. Zamyatin re-"official apologies" and the ironic invention of "Socio-Wester, on the of Exem Lord Geoffrey William Percy, Shipperson in an portfolio formalism" Shklovsky aban-fourth son of the 8th Duke of doned literary criticism and Northumberland, KG, died turned his attention to film, suddenly in the North Devon the visioning The garded Shklovsky with great respect, but found him formi-^{Maladori} e A. F. A. Streag**re £4** dably dry, and spoke of his "arithmetic". tentance contract to pos historical fiction (A time- Infirmary on December 4 at the honoured device for writers in age of 59. Sman, or dam market cer the bear management) die inci sie that it is a ade decreasing of the 🗘 Greycoat r The shares in tempor-4 700 feeplest to but to thereon which care bypuna Dareline has cations de mertien in in anguireit and the same of the same in lost out it backs the the to moderate mine Southe Batte de Grand out do very luting could allow the company to estimated the In the product to the Course mum trains are due in business and From a restaurant as obviously important as:

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THEXTIMES FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

BP sets a trend for in-house banking

major that it is as important to manage cash with at least the skill and application it brings to oil. The company has an active foreign exchange department, handling the massive dollar transactions, it has now incorporated this in a banking unit: BF Finance International.

 BPFI does not take deposits from third parties and this will not need Bank of England approvals. It will handle functions usually undertaken by financial advisers, who will still be engaged, more selectively, when BP is required to have independent advice. It will be the job of an estimated 80 staff based in London and under the aegis of group treasurer. Mr John Browne, to offer a range of specialized banking services to BP's 11 businesses and associated companies in

Britain and overseas. Money volumes for BP run at about £250,000 a day and although figures are difficult to come by, the business of managing money could run at £3 billion a year. As a full service bank BPFI will have specialized commercial and merchant banking departments, handling project finance, new business proposals mergers, acquisitions and disposals. It will devise and oversee financial policies and strategies for the group, and manage BP's relationships with the financial com-

munity and its shareholders. This formal move into banking is an imaginative acknowledgement that a company's cash, particularly when it is as large as BP's, can become a profit-centre in its own right. It is also in tuen with the mood of change in the City and the elevation of "financial services" into a high profile, growth industry.

The fascinating question is the size and direction of BP's external banking am-

Leadership needed at Charter

Rarely are stiff upper lips maintained with such aplomb as they were yesterday by senior executives of Charter Consolidated as they unveiled the financial horrors caused by events of recent months. The six months to September 30 were an unmitigated disaster. As Oscar Wilde might have said: to write off substantial amounts on one investment is unfortunate, to write off substantial amounts on two is sheer carelessness

The figures speak for themselves. A. £46.4 million loss on the disposal of Johnson Matthey Bankers and costs of £18.2 million relating to the rationaliza-tion of Cape Industries have left an ugly scar on the profit and loss account below

Above the line the picture is equally depressing Interim pretax profits of £7.7 million were not as bad as some had expected but they are well down on the £22 million reported a year ago. Losses at Cape and Johnson Matthey's decision not to pay a dividend contributed to the poor trading performances, but there is little comfort in Charter's interests which remained plague proof. Even the normally reliable investment portfolio failed to live up to expectations. The surplus on realizations was a meagre £401,000 which is attributable more to poor investment

management than market conditions. The Charter management may put on a brave face and say that it is over the worst but the aftermath of the Cape and JMB

erty company set up by Mr

Oliver Marriott. The shares in

both companies were tempor-arily suspended at their request

The market has long been expecting a takeover bid for

Churchury a situation which

Mr Marrott admitted was likely. Churchbury has rationa-lized the portfolio it acquired

with its reverse takeover of Law

Land in 1981 but it lacks the

experience to undertake more

development. It is something

which Greycoat can do very

A takeover would allow the

new company to expand its

Gardens Southers Park in central Spania, from a subsidiary of Owen Owen, the

with both sides in

disasters will see a further drain on cash flow as the two companies are put back on their feet

Charter's balance sheet is strong enough to withstand pressures and its gearing of 27 per cent poses no real threat. Therein lies Charter's problem. Sitting on a strong asset backing, it was just too comfortable. The board's inability to create any kind of corporate indentity or to evolve a coherent has finally come home to roost. The group cries out for a powerful and dedicated management.

Problems of index linked gilts

Some three and a half years ago, the Bank of England issued its first index-linked gilt, partly in a bid to cut the excessive cost of public sector funding. A 2 per cent coupon on the stock, Treasury Index-Linked 1996, clearly made sense in the context of comparable yields in the 131/2 per cent region. Investors grudgingly at first, bought the stock, and subsequently bought others despite misgivings about the openended nature of the repayment liability.

Go the initial questions remain unanswered, mainly because inflation has fallen sharply. Nevertheless, the introduction of indexed gilts may prove to have been the most ili-judged move made by the authorities.

For essential virtue of index-linked gilts is that they enable investors, for the first time, to price the market more accurately. Traders now have too much knowledge for the Bank of England's comfort about its funding operations.

Mr Stephen Lewis, gilt-edged seen at Phillips and Drew, tackled these questions at the stockbroker's investment seminar yesterday. According to the Lewis model of the gilt-edged market, yields can be broken down into three components; real yield, an inflation adjustment element; and a risk premium which remains fairly

Such a forensic approach, of course, is not new. What is novel is the way that an index-linked proxy for any particular stock now enables investors to work out the market's real yield requirements and its inflation expectations.

According to Mr Lewis, the differential between fixed-coupon and index-lined yields leads investors towards the other components of fixed-coupon yields. This differential has tracked the decline in the inflation rate fairly closely in the past two years. But the market may be fast approaching a sea-change.

Inflation may be set to start rising, while the outlook for real yields, currently about 314 per cent, is more problematical, mainly because the sluggish British economy cannot justify such a high figure. If so real yields would fall and index-linked stocks would rise in price.

By the same token, conventional gilts should perform relatively poorly, since a rise in inflation expectations must be followed by an increase in conventional yields. On this basis, the argument in favour of a switch from conventional stocks into index linked is strong.

Such an analysis would have been impossible before index-linked stock were introduced. Equally, gilts would, perhaps, not have hesitated, as much as they have done in the current cycle at the 10 per cent yield barrier.

Hamburg for close to DM 18

million (£4.83 million). Sun

Alliance bought the property, at Neuer Wall 2-6 Jungfernstieg in

the face of strong competition

Pfeil, whose lease expires at the

from German institutions.

end of the year, when Sun

significant reversion on the

Smith's Frankfurt office acted

• FIRST UNION GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST: Results

for the year to December 31 show

net income after tax of R17.7 million or £7.9 million (R17.253

million). Earnings per share were 23.75 cents (21.15 cents) andd net

asset value per share was 473 cents (458 cents). A dividend of 12 cents

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for Sun Alliance.

Alliance expects to see a

Retail tenants include Gold-

Maxwell concedes defeat in £44m bid for Waddington

By Philip Robinson and William Kay

John Waddington last night fighting off a £44 million takener bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing & Communication Corporation. It s the second time Waddington has defeated Mr. Maxwell's bids ID as many years:

. Mr Maxwell conceded defeat ust before 4.30 yesterday aflemeon, even though his bid does not technically expire until 3pm today.

The deciding factor was a

placing by Sazenove, the stockbrokers. 18 14,6 per cent stake in Wandington of its funds management. These went to a wide variety of institutions thought to suppport the Waddington board. However, the sale price of 507.5p per share was just above

the 500p cash being offered by BPCC. When the shares came on offer late Tuesday night, the asking price was thought to be

A spokesman for Warburg Investment Management said: The first thing we must say is that we normally support the management and we have done this and accepted what is a very attractive price for us."

Last night Waddington's shares dropped 18p to 502p.
Mr Maxwell said: "I conceded so that everyone would now where they stand and in the interests of an orderly market. This was not a ploy by me, but we could still win if the share price falls below 500p. It is still open to the institutions to change their mind™.

However, in a formal statement earlier, BPCC said that after the sale by an uncom-mitted institution of 1,2 million shares, (14.6 per cent) this added to the 45 per cent already announced as being committed to Waddington make it impossible for BPCC's bid to succeed.

Mr Victor Watson, Waddington chairman, said: "I am



but not complacent'

second time". BPCC says it is considering its position. Britain's largest printing company sitli holds a 23 per cent stake in Wadding-

He said that the Prime

Minister had now replied,

saying that Turkey was "not a

viable market" for the Tornado

It was not clear whether a

reply direct from Mrs Thatcher

is confirmation of the Cabinet

row over the deal which the

aerospace industry believes has

taken place over the deal.

Specifically at issue is whether

the Export Credit Guarantees

Department (which reports to the Secretary of State for Trade

and Industry) should be allowed

to insure the deal for which the

Treasury has a statutory re-

sponsibility to give its consent.

drawn on newspaper reports about the row, but said that

Turkey had rescheduled debts

worth £120 million, which will

A survey of Liffe members

Mr Jenkins, said, had shown 90

per cent in favour launching

options. The provision for

physical delivery in the sterling/

dollar option, as opposed to

basing the contract on Liffe's

existing futures contract, re-

flected members' wishes, he

It is expected by Liffe that the

short-gilt, which will be a notional five years, although

delivery could be of a gilt of

between three and seven years,

will be used by the new Stock

Exchange primary dealers.

not now be paid until 1992.

Mr Channon refused to be

at the moment.

Under British law a company

Victor Watson: 'confident

confident but not complacent. I am very pleased at being able to fight off Mr Maxewll for a

will sell his shares and go away. l do not want him as a shareholder but I cannot predict what will happen. Mr Maxwell is unpredictable".

Waddington and Kleinwort Benson, its merchant bank advisor, have already challenged the ultimate ownership of the BPCC stake which rests with a Liechtenstein-registered company. Pergamon Holding

beneficial ownership of its shareholders. Refusal to reveal this will run the risk of shares being disenfranchised by the suspended.

So far. Mr Maxwell has said that the ownership of the foundation is a private matter. But he is expected to announce next week that ultimate control lies with the French family interests of his wife, and thereby avoid any High Court action.

Reagan 'not

allowed' to

end council

From Bailey Morris.

President Reagan's proposal

to abolish the US Council of

Economic Advisers has run into

men who claim he does not

have the authority to rid

himself of the influential advis-

ory body.

A spokesman for the Joint

Committee said yesterday a

growing number of Congress-men will fight to save the three-

member council on grounds it

was created by Congress in 1946

to advise the President on

things he may not want to hear

about employment and econ-

The controversy over the

council, and two other advisory

bodies Mr Reagan proposes to

abolish, arose as a group of leading economic forecasters

released studies criticizing the

US treasury's sweeping tax

Both Wharton Econometrics

and the National Association of

Manufacturers concluded that

the Treasury's modified "flat

tax" proposal will retard rather

than accelerate growth by reducing business investment.

increasing consumption, raising

the cost of capital and promot-

by 15 per cent in 1986, rising to 20 per cent on average for

manufaturing companies after

Chase Econometrics, in a

separate study, concluded this

would reduce business invest-

ment and eventually result in

Treasury officials declined to

comment on the studies, saying

they expect to release their own

analysis of the plan
Meanwhile, congressional
critics said it will require special

legislation to abolish the council

of economic advisers which has

been a thorn in Mr Reagan's side for the last two years.

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 29th September 1984.

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12.6% stake in Vosper for NRDC

The National Research Development Corporation, an off shoot of the government's industrial holding company British Technology Group, is taking a 12.6 per cent stake in the enlarged equity of Vosper, the shipbuilding and repairing

The £1.5m proceeds of the placing of 816,000 shares at 183.3p will go to Vosper Hovermarine to enable it to pay £1.5 million to NRDC and to Hovercraft Development, a subsidiary of NRDC. Hoverma-Under British law a company rine owes NRDC and HD a is entitled to know the ultimate total of £2.2 million.

Vosper says it will show a loss of £1 million for the year to October 31, 1984 against being disenfranchised by the High Court and dividend payments on those shares remains difficult, the company says, the number of order inquiries with real potential has improved substantially in the

EEC mortgages proposal

EEC citizens should be allowed to use any building society or credit system in the community when they want to obtain a mortgage, the European Commission has decided.

It put forward proposals yesterday aimed at helping people to move from one another when buying a new home. It wants to see the scheme adopted by 1987.

The idea is that each country should recognize the existing systems in other countries.

Profits dip

Northern Foods has reported a slight dip in pretax profits which fell from £27.9 million to £27 million, the first decline for 10 years. Turnover also fell from £656.9 million to £612.7 million in the six months to September 30. An unchanged interim dividend of 4.25p is

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Late gains

Tate & Lyle, raised pretax profits for the year ending September 29 by 21 per cent to £69.2 million. The sugar company also announced that it will pay \$43.2 million (£36 million) for the Agri-Products Division of Beatrice Inc. The final dividend is 12.5p net.

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Flat cider

The cider business has gone somewhat flat for the Herefordshire producers, H. P. Bulmer, best known for the Strongbow and Woodpecker brands. Pretax profits for the half year to October fell by 22 per cent to £7.2 million. The interim dividend is being maintained at 2.24p. But the shares were down 10p at 154p. The Chancellor gets the blame for raising the excise duty on cider by 47 per cent in the last Budget.

Plants to close Grove, Cranes, which exports

cranes throughout the world, is to close two plants in Oxfordshire, with the loss of 400 jobs. The company says the plants in Oxford and Bicester will close by spring because of the recession in the mobile crane

BAe cleared on Airbus cover

By John Lawless Hastings and Rye, and an

British Aerospace has failed to win government backing for the sale of 40 Tornado fighter aircraft to Britain's Nato ally, Turkey - but is, after all, to be given the insurance cover it needs to sell seven European Airbus there.
This was disclosed yesterday

when Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, was being questioned by the Commons Trade and Industry Committee about the operations of the Export Credits Guarantee Department. The committee had heard a

complaint from Sir Raymond Lygo, managing director of British Aerospace, last week, He said that the sale of both aircraft was apparently being blocked by Treasury concern over Turkish creditworthiness, while the Department of Trade and Industry appeared ready to take a "more realistic" view.

The committee's chairman, Mr Kenneth Warren - MP for

Small firms

draw £80m

investment

By Derek Harris,

Commercial Editor

Investment in small businesses

through the Business Expansion

Scheme (BES) with its tax-relief

incentives to individual inves

tors amounted to about £80

million during 1983-84. Two-

thirds of those benefiting were

This emerged yesterday from

new Treasury analysis of BES

progress. It means more invest-

ment has gone into small businesses via this route than

was suggested last month by Mr

Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.

A total of £73 million was

young start-up companies.

aeronautical engineer - said yesterday that he had been writing to Mrs Thatcher for two months about the Tornado deal. It was worth \$1 billion (£833 million) in total with British Aerospace having a 42.5 per cent share, in partnership with West German and Italian manufacturers.



Paul Channon: questioned by

The Government has now increased the Airbus insurance

cover to 85 per cent

The London International

contracts.

A short-gilts futures contract

on the Liffe long-gilt futures.

invested in 312 companies during this year, reflecting investments known sofar, through approved investment funds. But at least a further 100 companies are now believed to have raised money directly from investors. These additional investments may have amounted to a further £5 million, according to the

Progress Report.
Since the average level at which tax relief is given is running at about 50 per cent, the cost to the Inland Revenue in the year is likely to be about

Treasury's latest Economic

Two-thirds of companies involved in BES were start-up businesses less than five years old, the survey shows. They accounted for well over half of

the total investments. More than 40 per cent of all investments went to particularly young companies less than a year old.

The survey underlines the trend for investment through funds towards the upper end of the scale. The median amount for fund investment per company was £160,000 but for direct investment it was £40,000. Three-quarters of companies finding direct invest-

ments raised less then £100,000.

Economic Progress Report 173 November/December: EPR (Distribution), Central Office of Information, Hercules Road, London SEI 7DU, (10 cents) making 19 cents (16.5 cents) is being paid on January 18.

Liffe to launch trading in four new contracts

Financial Futures Exchange problem is accomodating opyesterday ended several months tions trading. A new clearing of City speculation about which system will have to be agreed direction it would take by with the International Comgiving details of a new futures modities Clearing House and trading area will be necessary.

will be introduced next year to complement the exchange's successful long-gilt futures con-At the same time Liffe is

laying plans for sterling/dollar option on a physical currency and for options on the Liffe Eurodollar futures contract and

Mr Michael Jenkins, Liffe's chief executive, said that firm dates for introducing the contracts will be announced in January. June is a likely starting point and they could begin trading in fairly rapid suc-

Pilkington seeks £105m

glassmaker, is asking its share-bolders for £104.8 million to help cut its borrowings and pay for new ventures, most likely in the United States.

share for every four already held at 255p. The shares, which have touched 351p this year on takeover talk, fell 7p to 298p At the same time Pilkington

to September, up from £30.4 million to £52.2 million. But the group, based in St

Tempus, page 19

By Cliff Feltham Pilkington Brothers, the

Pilkington is offering one new

announced a sharp rise in its pretax profits for the six months

Helens, is still paying heavily for restructuring and redun-dancy costs, involving the loss of 500 jobs. Pilkington says a similar number of jobs are likely to disappear during the second half.

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Six years of profit growth

THE CHAIRMAN, ROBERT HASLAM, REPORTS: For the sixth successive year, pre-

tax profits have increased. The Group pre-tax profits are a record £69.2 million—a rise of 21% over the previous year. For the fourth successive year,

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2.9 times 3.7 times Dividend cover

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equity and profit base. Greycoat's interim figures are due today and brokers predict a doubling of pretax profits to £1.45 million with a gross dividend of 1p.

Commercial property, page 21 Standard Commercial Property Securities, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bass, the brewer, has bought a 4.6 acre site in the sile of Dogs enterprisekone in London's docklands and is planning a £5 million, 71,000 sq ft industrial and officescheme. There will be four units with offices making up 20 to 30 per cent of the development. The units will be sold to owner occupiers who are eligible for 100 per cent capital allowances in the zone. Phase two will have a 50,000 sq ft office building which will be sold or lessed. Grant & Partners is letting he project which is to be developed on the last site in the enterprise zone available for office and industrial use. Lovel Developments and Napler Scurities have bought almost an acre of land at Stoke

Greycoal City Offices today 2800,000. The developer plans looks set to make a bid for to build three high-technology Churchbury Estates, the prop-buildings of 7,500 sq ft each, with the first floor finished to office standards. The joint agents, Richard Ellis and Conrad Ritblat are hoping for rents of £8.50 a sq ft to be achieved once work is complete next August. Brixton Estate, which

Greycoat may bid for Churchbury

celebrated its diamond anniversary this week, has completed the first large Park Industrial Estate in west London, since it was bought by the company in 1963. Brixton has built 50,258 sq ft of industrial and warehouse property and has one unit already under offer. Brixton was able to redevelop the site by getting Lucas CAV, which still occupies a large amount of space on the estate, to surrender one of its leases. Rents for the new space through St Quintin, are from £3.78 a sq ft to £4.50 a

• The Intercontinental Hotels Corporation and Grand Metropolitan have sold the Hotel Letti in the Rue de Castiglione, Paris for more than £6 million. Jones Lang Wootton acting for the vendor, says that there is a strong demand for luxury hotels in Paris, as in London. The Lotti has been bought by Jolly Hotels, the Italian chain which intends refurbishing the hotel. Mr Robert Waterland, a partner in Jones Lang Wootton's Paris office, says that the boom in the hotel market reflects the competitive rate of the franc against other currencies, particularly the dollar. But, he adds, few of the international hotel operators are able to find the cash to invest in buying

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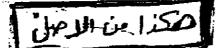
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'At the close the FT 30 share

index was registering a 7.8 points fall at 922.3 points. The

market still disconcerted by

activity, often prompted by

profit figures.
Both Beacham Group and

Glaxe Group were unsettled by worries about National Health

Service cuts. Beecham fell 13p

to 368p and Glaxo cased 10p to £10.85.

friendless, down by up to £ 1/2.

Government stocks were

Share prices on the chemicals

pitches are looking lively, with a variety of rumours doing the

rounds. Coates Brothers pro-

vided most of yesterday's excitement, with a 13p rise to

another new high of 140p after

the group was written up in a

also visited Coates a week ago,

since which time buying sup-

port for the shares has been

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Small investors are rushing to cash in their British Telecom shares. Trading in them yesterday was the heaviest yet, giving the stock market its busiest day since April, 1981.

But the seiling was comfort ably absorbed by institutional investors. The BT price closed just ip lower at 95 1/2 p after touch touching 97 y2p. They are still offering the army of small investors who splashed out 50p for the partly paid shares a handsome profit.

All successful BT applicants should by now have received their allotment letters. Most arrived on Tuesday.

Since then the flow of selling has steadily increased. The level of stock market activity, as measured by the bargain count. was 50 per cent above the average level running before BT

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Almost all the extra business is down to the most spectcular

Mr Jack Defries, chartist at Greene and Co, the stock-brokers, is not impressed by the behaviour of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries shares ahead of the interior results, due soon. He regards tham as "a possible sale". S & N is expected to produce £36 million against £31.6 million. The shares closed

new issue the stock market has ever witnessed.

But the BT excitoment sapped the strength of the rest of the market yesterday. There was, nevertheless, some intriguing performers. One was Reed International.

It is fast becoming a stock market favourite, the shares gaining 20p in the past two days to reach a new peak of 524o. But there is much more to come according to City pundits.

Reed is now - after the selloff of Mirror Group Newspapers - more an industrial holding company than a publishing group, although business publishing still provides company's biggest single chunk of

As a result, market men are beginning to think the historic price-earnings rating of 9 is looking a little low. Analysts suggest a rating of 12 or 13 would be more appropriate, and not over demanding.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Market has busiest day since 1981 as BT investors cash in

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

At that sort of p/e, the share recent meeting between the 185p on news of a possible bid price would break through the company and City analysts.

seminar for brokers last Monday helped focus attention on Reed, and the recent bout of takeover activity in he publish-ing sector has also caused analysis to examine the group

The business magazines operation in the US has been going well, against the healthy background of strong economic growth there. Reed's success in America also appears to have brought US investors into the shares, with London market men hearing of sizable buying from that source.

US buying is in the back-ground of the recent share price rise for Metal Box. The shares have risen 12p in the past two days to reach the previous best trading level of 378p.

Metal Box begins pre-market trials of its Petamer soon in the US, and American investors have high hopes for the new product. The Petainer is a can ade from PET, a type of

Takeover talk also surrounds the shares, with some specu-lators believing that Hanson Trust is building up a stake, with a view to making a bid. Market chat vesterday morning centred on an apparent single large buyer.

Another factor in the support for Metal Box is analysis' charts, which show the shares have broken through an import-

Turner & Newall slipped 3p to 106p as profit-takers moved

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The industrial materials and engineering group has shown good recovery performance throughout this year, and are expected to do the same in 1985. Laing & Cruickshank the stockbroker, says profits for this year should reach £24-£25 million, against £20.3 million in 1983, and about £33 million

Management Agency and Music, the showbusiness group which has branched into hotels and amusement machines, rose 7p to 154p, making a 12p twoday gain. Chrystalis, the privately-owned cateriainments business, has built up a 5 per cent shareholding. Queens Mont Houses, the hotel group, has a 10,1 per cent stake.

About 750,000 shates in Saatchi & Santchi, the seventh largest & Santchf, the seventh largest advertising agency in the world, were placed through the market yesterday by Phillips & Drew, stockbroker to the company. Part of the £6.75 million worth of stock came from holders who acquired shares during the received acquired to the second of Hay Group. recent acquisition of Hay Group. Saatchi shares slipped 10p as the stock came through, but by the close were just \$p dawn at 905p.

Comfort Hotels International held at 87p as latest bidders, Ladbroke Group, acquired another 100,000 shares lifting its shareholding to 1.3 per cent. Rival bidders Intasun, with a 14.9 per cent shareholding, held at 113p.

Shares of Cecil Gee, the in. The shares have been strong men's retailer which came to strong recently, pushing to a new high the USM 18 months ago, shot BOC Group rose another 3p of 109p on Tuesday after a up 20p to close at a new high of to 258p, as the shares steadily

last week's annual results.
Brengreen (Holdings), the industrial cleaning company headed by Mr David Evans, jumped 4½ to 57½ as rivals Hawley Group disclosed a 14.9 per cent shareholding.

recover ground lost ahead of

Still on the cleaning pitch Initial rose another 5p to 500p. Rumours persist that British Electric Traction will sell its 40.7 per cent shareholding as a

springboard for a bid. Johnson Matthey dipped 3p to 75p following the success of the rescue package. Charter

Consolidated rose 3p to 186p on profits better than many had But H.P. Bulmer, the cider maker, tumbled 10p to 164p on a 22 per cent interim profits set-

ances than anticipated. Share prices among stores companies were pennies lower as profit-taking began following

mid-July showed a 63 per cent rise to £332,000 and an extraoridinary profit of £570,000 on the sale of the 14.5 per cent stake in James Walker, Takeover speculation continues to surround Burmah Oil. The ares climbed a further Sp to 223p yesterday as the market contemplated suggestions that a

FT-SE share index fell 7.9-points at 1,190.7 points. Both indices finished at their the recent strong run for the

> Dixens, recent victor in its bid for Currys Group, fell 10p to 475p, and Boots slipped 9p to 189p after yesterday's excitement about the high chain's

profits growth. Stakis, the expansion, eased a few coppers to 443p after its figures.

City office lettings show signs of revival

By Judith Huntley Commercial Property

Brixton Estate, which celebrated its diamond jubilee on Tuesday, has let 55,000 sq ft of its 85,000 sq ft office building in Finshury Square on the edge of the City to Marine Midland Bank for about £19 a sq ft.

The American bank is taking space in the refurbished buildng which Brixton bought from the Legal & General Assurance Society for £8.5 million.

The former Argent House was put on the market by L & G for £11 million but the Assurance company eventually skd at the lower figure.

Brixton has spent an undisclosed amount on bringing the building up to modern requirements. The company hopes to obtain £20 a sq it for the remaining space.

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Elsewhere in the City, closer to the Bank of England, there are signs of a revival in the office market for the baking sector. Wates City of London Properties which came to the stockmarket in September is about to let its 10,575 sq ft development at 10, Philpot Lane to John Poland & Co. a Lloyds managing agent. Wates has spent £2 million on rebuilding the offices and values the scheme at £4.65 million once completed and let. The asking rent through St Quintin and Montague Evans is £30 a sq

A similar level of rent was asked but probably not achieved on Cornhill House, a project developed by the Airways Pension Fund and the Worshipful Company of Grocers at 68/69 Cornhill The Girosentrale Bank of Vienna is taking the space in the £4.5 million refurbished accomoda-

And the European Banking Corporation's 20,000 sq ft of space in 150 Leadenball Street is under offer, all signs of the upturn in the upturn in the letting market in the core of the

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Barclays	974%
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Spending spree for Pilkington

Five years after asking shareholders to put up £60 million. Pilkington the glass-maker from St Helens is back egain, this time for £104

Leaving aside the opportun-istic timing of the cash call, interest centres on what Pilkington intends to do with the money. Half-year profits show marked upturn with the

smaller than we had hoped for

in expanding its electro-optical business. This seems the most

It insists it has no present plans to raise its 30 per cent

stake in Libbey-Owens-Ford.

the second largest glassmake

in the US. It could go for broke but this would probably swal-

low up the proceeds of the

Meanwhile, latest figures

reflect better trading in Britain

although more redundancy

costs are still in the pipeline

but the full impact of the setback in South Africa has

The impression remains that

likely route for its cash.

rights issue twice over.

probably still to be felt.

British side continuing its recovery, and after British Telecom the stock market is back, a much weaker performready to absorb an issue of this size, the fourth largest this Pilkington is recognized as a conservative company, and its

expressed desire to reduce its borrowings seems straightforward, although it is out of focus with market sentiment which does not view the existing debt position in too bad a light. Wootworth-style consortium hid is about to be launched. The rumoured price is 260p a share. It also speaks of acquisition possibilities in the United States where it has invested '10 million dollars so far -

est levels of the day with the

Recent retail sales figures and Tuesday's money supply figures. Away from Telecom trading was thin although there was the occasional pocket of City hopes for a record selling season this Christmas had boosted prices, but yesterday there were losses of 1p to 5p among well-known names such as MFL British Home Stores. Etam and Marks and Spencer.

opening of its 100th Cookshop store-within-a-store.

Baggeridge Brick advanced 14p to 216p on its 90 per cent

Pilkington is still struggling to leisure group, improved 4p to 143p on its 58 per cent profits gain. And Northern Foods rose op to 212p on better than expected results. However Tate and Lyle, the sugar group which failed to win the Brooke Bond food group and is now spending million on American

find its way with shareholders being asked to pay the fare to get there. A lot of uncertainty overhangs the shares. Northern Foods

Northern Foods has suffered its first fall in profits since 1974. However, the downturn had been anticipated and interim pretax profits of £27 million, down just £900.000, were, if anything, better than expected and the shares added another op to close at 212p.

The main problems came from the liquid milk activities where the 1p increase on a pint arrived three months later than expected. With margins sourceed and volumes falling. profits were bound to decline. Deregulation of milk pricing from January I should allow the group to keep prices closer aligned to costs in future.

The group still has a very firm foundation in the shape of two dey customers. Marks and Spencer in the United Kingdom and the McDonalds hamburger chain in the US.

The halt in profits growth is temporary and the group should make about £57 million in the full year. While shortterm prospects for the shares and the group are far from exciting, on a longer-term view it is a much more attractive

Tate & Lyle No powers of divination are

needed to see from Tate & Lyle's figures why the company was so interested in Brooke Bond. While group pretax profits are 21 per cent higher at

from the core sugar business slipped £400.000 to £44.8

Although sugar production and refining are profitable in terms of return on capital, they are not generating the carnings

growth which Tate needs.

Overall growth in 1983/4 came from net interest incom almost doubling to £21.8 million and from several of the group's smaller activities Cereal sweeteners and starches

turned in £5 million, compared with a £4 million loss. Molasses trading contributed £11.9 million, up from £7.1 million and it is significant that the group has just spent \$43.2 million buying the Agri-Products Division of

Beatrice. The emphasis here on tighter value added is one source of growth. An upturn in the Canadian economy helped the activities to treble its contri-bution to £6.6 million.

With net cash of £28 million Tate can take the strain. A return on capital of 20 per cent generates funds to pursue the present policy of modest and

complementary acquisitions.
The full year's dividend of 19p net, an increase of 19 per cent, puts the shares on a 6 per cent yield at last night's price of

Fears that next year's tax changes could be £40 million. against £23.3 million depressed the share price. Against that the five new acquisitions should add £25 million a year to carnings soon. What the market is still awaiting, however, is a substitute for Brooke Bond.

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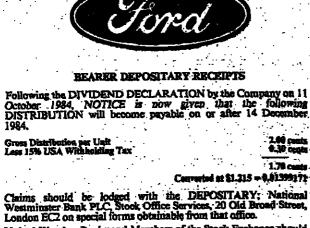
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MP, joins the board as a non-

Imperial Continental Gas:

executive director on January 1.

Mr Alan Parish becomes a non-

executive director on December

Multitone: Mr Andrew Bian-

director of Multitone Com-

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ston-Dilke has been made a

Argus Press Group: Mr George Fowkes has joined the

non-executive director.

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International/

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COFFEE

Dow makes

early gain

New York (AP-Dow-Jones)

- Wall Street shares held a slim

gain in early trading yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial

average up 1.44 points at 1179.77.

Advancing issues were about 595-to-555 ahead of declining

Mr Robert Kimtis of William

D. Witter Inc said: "The market

continues to look unimpressive

because of the uncertainties and

confusion over the Treasury's

tax proposals. It has no

"We believe that with the

Federal Reserve continuing the tendency toward lower interest

rates in order to keep the

economy reasonably on track

the stock market has a greater

probability of rising from here."

General Motors was un-

changed at 74%; General

Electric was unchanged at 55; International Business

Machines fell 1/8 to 119; Exxon

fell 1/2 to 44; Texas Instruments was unchanged at 1131/4; Tele-

dyne was down 11/2 to 2571/2;

Minnesota Mining rose % to

78 1/2 and Merck rose 1/4 to 89 1/2.

1/4: Northwest Industries at 49 1/2

was up 71; National Gypsum at

361/4 was up 11/4; Central Soya at 17 was up 1/4; Phillips Petroleum

at 51% was up 1%; Norfolk

Southern at 55% was up 1/4; US

Gypsum at 56% was down 1/4 and Phillips-Van Heusen at 27%

Union Carbide at 35 1/2 was up

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Mr James Prior: joining

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from all sectors of the market. Interbank money opened on 9 1/2 -n % per cent and it was not until midday that it eased be lightly offered in chrly trading, reflecting a degree of unease over the money shiply figures, but no great volume slightly to 9 % - 14 per cent. The next downward move came around mid-afternoon,

with a dip to 8 1/2 -7 1/2 per cent. Local authorities rarely ventured forth in any size. Eurodollar deposits took their and the last half hour saw a slide to 6 -2 per cent for the cue from marginally easier rates

LONDON GOLD FUTURES

HEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average tatastick prices At representative markets on

England and Water:
Cettle nos. down 9.3 per cert,
ave. price. 1 04.03p (+6.70).
Sheep nos. up 1.2 per cent, ave.
price. 195.10p (+6.90).
Fig nos. upn 8.6 per cent, ave.
price. 87.53p (+1.23).

Scotland: Cattle nos. down 11.9 per cent, ave. price. 101.88p (+6.04). Sheep nos. down 0.4 per cent, ave. price, 179.58p (+2.34).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

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Argus Press Holdings Inc.

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managing director.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Hammerson Canada Inc..: Mr E. Bruce Heyland has been

appointed to the board effective

R. Wareing has been made

Davy McKee Environmental: Mr Neil Cherrett has become

managing director.
Rudolf Wolff Group Mr
Francis Holford has been

appointed deputy chairman and Mr Bruce Leeming as managing

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Routine trading in Interbank in New York. The market term deposits seldom disturbed stayed subdued, dealers said.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES In conditions which dealers described as a virtual standstill, the dollar and pound

Dm3.0835 and Dm3.0940 down 20 points at Dm3.0880, Sterling in the meantime was dealt within an even narrower range, from \$1.1935 to \$1.2000. closed unchanged at \$1.1995.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES



• BURNS-ANDERSON: Year to

Stakis is lifting its total dividend for the year to Sept 30 from 2p to 3p a share. Figs in £000. T over 134,581 (99,830). share schemes 423 (269). Tax 2,259 (866). Group property assets were valued at Oct 2, 1983, by independent pro-fessional valuers at £85 million – a surplus of £37 million over

Issue of unsecured depending notes, 1990/95, at par with interest at 2 per cent under Lioyds Bank Base Rate.

JAMES LATHAM: Half-year to Sept; 30. Intm. div, 3p. Figs. in £000. T/over 18,096 (16,702), Pretax pft. 1,036 (29p).

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• DERITEND STAMPING: DERILEND STAMPING: Intm. div. 2.2p (same) for half-year to Aug. 31. Figs. in £000. T/over 17.678 (16.155). Tdg. pfi. 623 (860). Pretax pft. 427 (623), after int. payable 196 (237). Tax 130 (113). EPS 5.63 (9.67p). Prospects for the

● PLATON INTL: Half-year to Sempent-Kern, the group's new Sept 30. Intm. div. 0.93p., as roll-covering plant in Austria for £1 envisaged in the prospectus. Figs in million. Semperit-Kern has been in lts order book is already strong and

■ TUNSTALL TELECOM: Year to Sept 30 Div 0.79p, mkg. 1.40p—increase of 25 per cent. Although a final div. of 0.28p was paid in respect of 1982-83; it, was stated at the time of the flotation in the USM that divs totalling 1.12p would have been paid had the shares been held uphilicly throughout the west. Fire in

been paid had the shares been held publicly throughout the year. Figs in £002. T/over 13,030 (6,889). Pretax pft 3,048 (1,389). Tax 1,025 (458). EPS 14,4p (6,9p).

BENJAMIN PRIEST: Announces the disposal of its offshoot. S Taylor and Co general presswork manufacturers, for £720,000. Priest has assumed meanonsibility for \$1.000. has assumed responsibility for S
Taylor's outstanding overdraft
liability of £175,000. Taylor's net
assets at March 30 were £565,000,
against which a provision was made
in the accounts of Priest on that date
sufficient to cover the loss of sale. S
Taylor made a pertar line for 1082 Taylor made a pretax loss for 1983-84 of £244,000 after taking account. of interest and management charges of £125,000. This completes the divestment programme which was set out in the shareholders' circular of Sept 20, containing the refinances.

or sept 30, containing the remanding proposals.

HELICAL BAR: Half-year to July 28, Figs in £000: T/over 3,574 (3,476). Operation loss 112 (164), Pretax loss 10 (165), after interest payable 33 (36). No tax. Loss per share, 0.39 (5,79).

share, 0:3p (5.7p).

• UKO INTERNATIONAL:
Intm. Div. 1.5p (nil) for half-year to
Sept 30. Figs. in £000. Sales 29,747.
(28,44f). PFT, before tax. 1,347
(1.195). made up of ophthalmic
division, 632 (587) and catering
equipment division, 715 (608). Tax
240 (150).

• BIRMINGHAM MINT: Halfyear to Sept 30. Intm. Div. 3.5p

year to Sept 30. Intm. Div. 3.5p (3p). In the light of the improved outlook, the directors intend, subject to unforescen circumsubject to unforeseen circum-stances, to recommend a final div. of 8p net on the share capital as enlarged by the rights share; matching 11.5p, an increase of 9.5 per cent over the previous year. Figs, in £000. T/over, 9.824 (5,263). Pretax prft. 413 (38). Birmingham Mint proposes an underwritten rights issue of 612,739 new ord, at 175p each, to raise about £Im net, on the basis of three new ord, for every ten held. every ten beid. • NSS NEWSAGENTS: Div.

NSS NEWSAGENTS: Div. 2.1p (1:9p), mkg. 3.3p (3p) for year to Sept 30: Figs. in £000. T/over 15.i.532. (145.584) Pretax profit 5.807 (5.567).

■ WEST'S GROUP INTER. NATIONAL: Half-year to Sopt 30: Intm. Div. 2.5p (same) Figs. in £000. T/over 22.389 (27.256). Operating profit 254 (947). Pretax pft. 185 (858), after interest payable, 69 (89). Tax 62 (259). Extraord. item 191 dbt. (70 cdt.) EPS 1.5p (7.6p).

© CHARLES BAYNES: Year to Sept. 30. Dividend, 2.25p (annua-lized equiv. of 1.083p for previous nine months), Figs. £000. T/over 5.663 (1.558). Pretax pft. 558 (230). The board intends to continue the policy of expanding the textile rental policy of expanding the textile rental and industrial cleaning division to build up a national coverage and establish the Baynes Group as a big force in these activities. This policy of expansion will be largely through the acquisition mainly of private businesses and board is actively looking at a number of suitable ones. French Franc.
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moved little on foreign exchange markets. Both ended the day close to overnight levels, having traded within short ranges. The dollar fluctuated between

against the Mark and closed against the US currency, and

Market rates close Dacember 12 \$1,1988-1,1988 \$1,5831-1,5848 4,1790-4,18191 14,38-74,451 13,2457-13,2538 1,1855-1,1855 3,698-3,7058m 196,10-199,47e 205,23-205,539 10,7773-10,7322 10,7773-10,7322 10,5734-10,5982 296,02-26,05-26 26,02-26,05-26 3,0611-3,0651f New York Montreal Amsterda Brussels Copenhar Dubin Frankfurt Lisbon Machid Milan Oslo Parte Stockhol Tokyo Vienna Zarich Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.2 at 74.5 (days usinge 74.5-74.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES **DOLLAR SPOT RATES** 2 1690-2 1705 2 4 130-2 4145 ...0.8464-0.8474 1,3205-1,3210 8,8175-8,8275 8,9375-8,9475 Cyprus pound Finland murks Greece Drach 225-250 2.4835-2.4707 4.2435-4.2855 2.5996-2.5636

COMPANY NEWS

Rates supplied by Barcleys Bank HOFEX and Extel. "Lioyds Bank to

Sept 30. Intm. div. 0.93p, as envisaged in the prospectus. Figs in envisaged in the prospectus: Figs in annual. Schiperic-Rein has over in 2000: T/over 1.453 (1.506 .2). Production for less than 12 months. Pretax pfl. 181.4 (160.1). Tax 55.8 Its order book is already strong and (47). Extraord dbt. nil (3.1). EPS on present progress it will shortly be 4.1p (3.61p). The order book has

grown substantially, the board reports, with some large orders for bespoke products which will augment the standard output in the second half, to provide the main part of the year's turnover. The sales outlook is for continued growth, with significant supplements for new electronic products in both flow and pressure measurement.

JACKSONS BOURNE END:

Intm. div. 2p (1p adj) for 28 weeks to Oct 13. Figs in £000, T/over, Manufacturing 2.511 (2.670). Rental income 116 (116). Trop. profit 284 (210). Pretax pft. 229 (168). after reorg. costs 90 (40), but incl. interest rec. 35 (phle. 2). rec. 35 (pble. 2).

● BURNS-ANDERSON: Year to Sept. 30. Div. 1.72p (1.5p). mkg. 2.42p (2.2p). The board intends increasing the interim psyable next Aug. to not less than 12 of the total. Figs. in £000. T/over 28,031 (30.050). Pretax pft. 668 (561). Tax 143 (120). Minorities 3 (nil). EPS 4.4p (3.8p). The board is confident of further pft. growth in the current

Pretax profit 10,161 (6.462), after interest and asset-leasing 1,208 (1,290) and allocation to

PORTER CHADBURN will acquire Swift International and Swift Diving Supplies (Scotland). Consideration for the acquisition will be £725,000, plus an additional sum payable, should profits before tax for 1985 exceed £170,000, up to the swift of £150,000, up to the swift of £150,000, up to the swift of £150,000 and the swift of a max, of £150,000 achieved on profits of £220,000. The initial consideration will be satisfied by the issue of unsecured debenture notes.

second half are more encouraging the board reports. Demand has

the board reports. Demand has increased at companies which were slack during the first half and both overseas offsinoots have orders that should ensure a contribution to profits in 1985.

SCAPA GROUP has agreed to purchase 77.5 per cent of Ets. Bried, situated near to Angouleme in France, for £t.5 million. Bried manufactures engineered fabrics for the paper and board industries and is a leading French producer of domestic blankers and textile wall coverings. Scapa has also agreed in coverings. Scapa has also agreed in principle to acquire from its equal partner the remaining 50 per cent share that it does not already own in

The first two months of the policy and the investment in those businesses. Profits are substantially ahead and, with turnover running at an annualized £14 million, the

board views the current year with confidence.

A-R TELEVISION (subsidiary of BET): Six months to Sept 30. No ord. div. (5.0p). Turnover £31,140 (£35,820). Other operating income £32,375 (£24,094), interest received from holding company £1,24 million (£1,35 million). Pretax loss £379,943 (profit £1,07 million).

Associated Paper Industries, which makes the gold foil used to package brands of cigarettes. perfumes and whisky, pushed up pretax profits by 55 per cent in the year to September 29 to £3.9 million. Sales rose; 26 per cent to just over £47 million. with exports up by 50 per cent to £9.7 million. The stamping foils side performed strongly, accounting for £1.3 million of trading profits, against £715,000 a year ago. Papermaking still remains the main activity, contributing £3 million, against £2.5 million, despite problems caused by having to absorb raw material price rises during the year. The group's newest business, air conditioning and filtration, chipped in £423,000. The dividend payout goes up from 4.2p a share to 5p.

DURA -MILL-is to raise £240,000 (228,000 net of expenses) by way of a rights issue of 480,000 new ord, shares of 2,5p each at a price of 50p per share on the basis of one new ord, share for every five now held. The issue is being underwritten by Corporate Financial Services, Dura's utimate holding commany without charge. holding company, without charge.

• ARMITAGE AND RHODES: Half-year to Sept 30. Div. 1. do (nil). Figs. in £000. Sales 4.469 (4.514). Trading profit (loss) before tax. 65 (9). The summer months, traffitionally difficult, were made worse this year by the miners' strike, continuing high levels of unemployment and economic uncertaintied. Despite this, the momentum of the profitable operations continues.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Time for investors to diversify

By Judith Huntley

Rising yields do not bode well for portfolios heavily weighted in the industrial sector

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Institutional money is leaving property and yields are rising. At last a streak of sanity is returning to the property world as fund managers see other forms of investment showing

etter returns. months ago.

For the first time in recent Capital values fell for all history average yields on industrial property have reached the same level as the return on gilts. This trend, which looks set to continue for some time, has far reaching implications, particularly for those property com-panies with portfolios heavily invested in the industrial sector.

The office sector too, with a few exceptions in the City of London, has not been turning in on institutional investment. But such a good performance, the rise in average yields are at their highlights the fact that investors highest for seven years with the are still, quite rightly, doubtful South-east, the Midlands and about property's performance. the North of England showing the sharpest rises. Even in the hotspot of the market - the retail property - average yields. have remained flat, falling only in a few isolated cases.

It is not just average yields that are going up. Prime yields, are also rising as the lack of rental growth over the last few years is reflected in the marketplace. The weight of instilutional investment in property has been keeping the market sinking. Some would argue that institutions have During 1983, net investment in pushed yields to the point commercial property fell by 25

It is back to square one in

the Square Mile. The City's politicians have overthrown the

architects on the brief for one of

the last remaining City bomb sites still undeveloped. The site,

at Ludgate Hill, has attracted

much interest from developers.

the City Corporation decided what kind of development it

But they have had to wait until

advice of their planners and

iustifiable on rental growth performance....

The Hillier Parker and Investors' Chronicle research for November shows that the average yield for all properly rose to 7 per cent - an increase of 0.25 per cent on the August level. Offices and industrial property accounted for this situation, while shops merely remained unchanged. Prime yields also went up to 5.1 per cent, from 4.8 per cent six

property by 2.8 per cent over the period. Industrial property saw capital values plummet by 8 per cent, with the retail sector holding up best on a rise of 5.2 per cent.

Hillier Parker says that investors are still concentrating on the retail sector - a trend confirmed by Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks' latest report One reason put forward by Hillier Parker is the rapid growth in equity dividends which are forecast to outstrip rental growth for some time to come.

Debenham Tewson argues that we are now entering a new phase, with the emphasis switching to rationalizing institutional portfolios, a phrase which has become only too familiar as property sales by pension funds and insurance companies come to light. where they were too low to be per cent to £1.5 billion.

would allow. The whole of the

site can be developed for offices and the recommendation that

kept to that of the existing ones, has been overruled. The

corporation wants to see high-

quality offices at Ludgate Hill

and is removing some of the

restrictions it feels will deter

developers from coming up with the right kind of scheme.

the scale of new buildings be

Government securities and liquid assets.

With rents static, yields rising

The Arab Banking

Corporation is talking to

Commercial Union Asssurance

about buying No 1 Moorgate in

the City, but neither side would

struck. The office building has

belonged to Commercial Union

for some time and was formerly

occupied by it. New office space

is being provided behind the

facade of the existing building.

confirm that a deal has been

high The letting market shows no

sign of any real improvement, other than for a few kinds of high-quality property. Office and industrial hybrids in certain parts of the South-east are in demand and companies with these in their portfolios will see some rental growth, but else-where the lack of demand is revealing only too well how marginal property can become

The level of inflation can no longer hide deficiencies in property and the impact of depreciation and obsolescence are painfully clear. The message to investors must be to diversify a portfolio weighted too heavily in one direction and to come to development, they may find grips with managing assets there is a downward valuation before they become liabilities.

Ludgate Hill bomb site plans in ruins

Mr Andrew Collins for the prosecutor, Mr John Boothby for GOFF said that the justices had reached their decision after con-Chinnocks, Drivers Jonas; Savills and Weatherall Green & Medical Journal which had been handed to them by the defendant, the prosecutor not having objected, without any expert witnesses being Partners to process information from institutional portfolios

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Lloyd (Judement delivered December 5)

was required to appeal from a decision of an efficial referee was governed by the same principles which applied to appeals from a

High Court judge.

The Court of Appeal so stated in refusing the defendant leave to appeal from an interlocutory decision of Judge Hawser, QC, sitting as official referee.

Mr. Forderick Philippy for the Mr Frederick Philpott for the defendant; Mr Richard Fernyhough for the plaintiff.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and

[Judgment delivered November 30]

Where it was necessary for a court

to determine whether alcohol consumed after ceasing to drive or be in charge of a vehicle had caused

as to enable the court reliably and confidently to reach a sensible

conclusion without expert evidence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated allowing an appeal by the prosecutor, Mr Herbert Dawson, from a decision of

Colchester Justices to dismiss an

information laid against Mr Derek Lunn, alleging that he had driven with excess alcohol in his body, on

the basis that the defendant had satisfied them that alcohol taken

after he had ceased to drive had

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT

sidering and drawing conclusions from an extract from the British

taken him over the limit.

the defendant.

Dawson v Lunn

Mr Justice McCullough

said that a problem had arisen concerning appeals from an inter-locutory decision of an official referee. Clearly any right of appeal from an official referee was limited

Giles Electrical Engineers Ltd v by Order 58, rule 4 of the Rules of Technistudy was no longer appli-Plessey Communications Sys- the Supreme Court.

Court of Appeal Law Report December 13 1984

When leave is necessary for

appeal from official referee

The problem arose because of the decision in Technistude Ltd r Kelland ([1976] | WLR 1042) where it was held that leave to appeal from an official referee was not required on a point of law even if the order someht to be appealed from Was interlocutory in nature.

When Technistudy was decided section 31 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 was in force and section 31(1)(i) of that Act provided that no appeal should be without the leave of the judge or the Court of Appeal from any interlocutory order. The reason for the decision in the Technisudy case was that an official referee was not a "judge" within the meaning of section 31(1)(i).

In 1977 the Rules of the Supreme Court were amended (SI 1977 No 532) and section 31 of the 1925 Act applied as if an official referee were a judge of the High Court. The effect of the amendment meant that

Amateurs in science on the bench

The case vividly illustrated the

danger of justices, or judges for that matter, dabbling as amateurs in

science without the assistance of

cases where the weight of the non-expert evidence called by the

defendant was such that justices

could conclude, confidently and reliably that he had discharged the

While there were no doubt some

qualified witnesses.

Any doubt about that was dispelled by section 18(1)(h) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 (which replaced section 31 of the 1925 Act) which did not confine the subject matter of that subsection to a judge but extended it to a "court or tribunal". Whatever was said about an official referee he clearly came within the meaning of a "court or

Leave 10 appeal was required in exactly the same circumstances as that which applied to a judge of the High Court. The present case was clearly an interlocutory matter and it was conceded that leave to appeal

If leave to appeal would not be required from a High Court judge, it would not be required from an official referee.

Lord Justice Slade and Lord

Justice Lloyd agreed. Solicitors: Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan & Vandyk; Masons.

The dictum of Lord Widgery in Pugsley r Hunter ([1973] RTR 284,290), which concerned the

"laced drinks" defence, was couplly

applicable to such a case as this where the facts were not obvious

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard &

from the non-expert evidence.

Mr Justice McCullough agreed.

Co for Mr J. J. Goodwi Chelmsford: Aughterson, Keeble

Fiat is not required for a charge

Court of Appeal

Regina v Elliott Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown. Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Glidewell

[Judgment delivered December 41 Section 63 (1) of the Adminissection 63 (1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, which provided that "Proceedings for a crime under the [Explosive Substances Act 1883] shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney General", should be interpreted as meaning should be interpreted as meaning that such proceedings were instituted when a person came to court to answer the charge. Accordingly, when a person was charged with offences under the 1883 Act in April 1983, but the Attorney General's flat was not given until June, the proceedings were not thereby rendered null and void.

The Court of Appeal so held the distribution of the court of the

when dismissing the appeal of Trevor Elliott against his conviction on November 23, 1983 at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Beaumont) of offences contrary to sections 2 and 3 of the Explosive Substances Act 1883. He pleaded guilty to one count of making explosives, and was sentenced to a total of three years' youth custody.

Mr John T. Milford assigned by
the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the appellant: Mr R. P. Lowden for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that it was submitted for the appellant, on the authority of R v Brentward Justices. Ex parte Jones ([1979] RTR 155), that the commencement or institution of proceedings occurred when a person was charged, and that since the appellant had been charged before the Attorney General gave his consent, thereafter all the proceed-

ings must have been a nullity.

A very different set of circumstances was under consideration in that case and that was a decision of the Divisional Court not the Court of Appeal.

In the present situation it was with a view to the fraudulent evasion of value-added tax. important also to have regard to the provisions of section 6(2) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1979 which, counsel for the Crown submitted, plainly envisaged that the absence of the consent of the Attorney General should prevent an arrest or charge.

There was no direct authority upon that matter, and their Lordships concluded that section 63 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 should be interpreted as meaning that proceedings were instituted at the time when a persor attended the court to answer the charge. To hold otherwise would be to ignore the provisions of section 6 of the 1979 Act.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT IN PROPERT at 1970 **INSURANCE** 300-OTHER FINANCIAL UNIT TRUSTS

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in the portfolio - or that On the other hand, sales have existing valuations are far too become an important source of funds to institutions, rising from 17 per cent in 1981 to 60 per cent last year, relative to new investment. Cash-flow to the institutions, last year rose by 7 per cent, but investment patterns showed a shift to

and institutional money going into alternative forms of investment, it does not bode well for the asset value of property companies whose portfolios are eighted towards the industrial or the office sector outside the City and parts of London. Unless these companies shift their portfolio weighting, or venture into other kinds of

 Six firms of chartered surveyors have banded together to snonsor a new property investment data bank. Chestertons, Cluttons, Debenham Tewson & Smith have commissioned the consultants Roger Tym &

the amount of alcohol in the motorist's body to exceed the prescribed limit it would always be necessary for the motorist to call expert medical or scientific evidence. n order to discharge the burden of proof which lay on him, unless the non-expert evidence called was such

Regina v Michel
Where a fine with a substantial
term of imprisonment in default
was imposed in the absence of proof of means to pay, on a defendant who had also been given the maximum sentence of imprisonment for the offence, the fine was quashed, as the effect of the term of to carry the total period of imprisonment well above the imprisonment well permissible maximum.

While there was, in principle, nothing wrong in fining a defendant at the same time as making a criminal bankruptcy order, there would be relatively few cases in which it would be right to do so. The criminal bankuptcy order gave the victim of a fraud a potential remedy, and might, in fact, deprive the defendant of the means to pay a

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Purchas, Mr order for over Justice Jupp and Mr Justice specifying the Custo Bingham) so held on November 30. as the injured party.

Maximum term is limit when considering appeals against sentences imposed at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Sutcliffe, QC) for conspiring to contravene the provisions of section 38(1) of the Finance Act 1972, and being knowingly concerned in taking steps

> LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that although the maximum term of imprisonment for the offences was wholly inadequate in view of the massive criminality involved, the effect of adding sentences in default of payment to the maximum terms was indefen-

The making of a criminal bankruptcy order gave injured parties a comprehensive and farreaching means of obtaining satisfaction and it was inappropriate in the present case to impose fines alongside a criminal bankruptcy order for over £14 million specifying the Customs and Excise

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England made a magnificent start to the second Test match here vesterday when accurate spin bowling by Pocock and Edmonds caused India's main batsmen to falter. Compen-sation for England's loss of the toss came in the capture of six Indian wickets by teatime. In the final period of play, though, India staged a recovery through Kapil Dev and Kirmani and the score was 208 for six by the

close.

More than one Indian batsman was guilty of an indiscreet stroke, but nothing should detract from the persistent skill shown by the two England spinners, who were superbly supported in the field. Both Pocock and Edmonds were able to keep a posse of close fieldsmen within three yards of the bat as they bowled with masterly precision and guile. The much debated pitch has not yet deteriorated and the two English bowlers were down the Indian batsmen with flight as much as anything else. There is no doubt, though, that the ball will turn later in the match.

Cowans, in his first two spells, and Ellison helped-contain the Indians, too, and if the batting was sometimes critis the cricket was never less than absorbing Sadly the pessimism beforehand about the attendance proved only too correct. There were barely 5.000 people watching the game, with several factors, including the new popularity of one-day cricket and the memory, per-haps, of tedious past Test matches here, sharing some of the responsibility. Once again, though, the match was televised locally all day and this is something that the Indian board have got to change if they wish to retain the big match atmosphere on these occasions.

Kapil Dev and Kirmani, who came together just before tea with India 140 for six, have been in 95 minutes so far and added 68 runs which could prove crucial in the game's later side was again underlined. A decision by England to take the forward. new ball as soon as it became available in the closing session failed to bring them the breakthrough they sought. The first hour today will be import- lift as much as he expected and a, short mid on, were never



Taking flight: David Gower leaps to avoid the danger of Kapil Dev in full flow

ant if England are to retain their hopes of winning this match and level the series. Another setback for England after tea was an injured wrist for Robinson in the field. An X-ray examination disclosed no fracexamination disclosed no frac-ture but his arm is badly and Cowdrey, running back, bruised. over his shoulder, narrowly England decided against bringing in Marks and kept the

same side which played in the first Test. India changed Kapil Dev's new-ball partner by giving a first cap to Prabhakar. primarily a swing bowler, and dropping Chetan Sharma. whose pace did not trouble England at Bombay. Any clation Gavaskar felt at ending a lengthy sequence of failures with the toss must have been stages. Both men survived hard tempered with annoyance at his chances and had moments of own dismissal. In the second good fortune, but the great over, he edged Ellison's third depth of batting in this Indian ball, which left him late, and was caught behind as he pushed

> Vengsarkar never looked at ease against Cowans. In the fast bowler's third over. Vengsarkar ducked into a ball that did not

was struck on the helmet. A long delay followed while the covering which protects the temple and left ear was replaced. Shortly afterwards. Vengsarkar made a hash of an failed to take what would have been a brilliant catch at deen square leg. The game was little more than an hour old when

both England spinners were first in action.
There were early rewards too. for both of them. In Pocock's second over, Gaekwad gave him the charge, missed, and the ball went off a boot for four leg byes. He learned no lesson and next ball again went forward, this time to drive, and was bowled. Five minutes : before lunch, Vengsarkar misjudged Edmond's flight as he tried to drive, the ball bounced higher

stumped him.
Pocock bowled with splendid control and his close fieldsmen. a silly point, two short legs and

than most and Downton

endangered. India passed 100 in as he attempted a fierce return the 45th over.

Patil straight-drove Edmonds for a cracking four, but he was then out to an appalling stroke. He thrust his left leg down the wicket aimed a dreadful-look. ing pull-cum-sweep and skied the ball high into the air. Pocock at midwicket had a long time to wait ad almost mis judged the catch but finally held it as he sagged to the ground. The fourth wicket had added 61 in 27 overs.

Ten minutes later, Shastri-played a similarly ill-chosenstroke against Pocock. He tried to pull a ball on the off; stump and dragged it to midwicket, where Fowler took a skimming catch with calm judgement. On the stroke of tea; Amarnath was out when he pushed forward at Pocock and Gower took a batpad catch at silly point. At tea Pocock's figures were 18-3-39-3,

a remarkable performance. Kapil Dev had begun with several daring sweeps and he was 15 and the total 149 when Pocock valiantly risked injury.

Half an hour after tea Erigland took the new ball, as soon as it was due in the 75th over, with the Indian total 168 for six. Kirmani had to fend off one awkward ball from Cowans and the batsman was fortunate and the batsman was fortunate it landed safely, another short ball from Cowans was hooked for six by Kirmani. After nine overs with the new ball had cost 37 runs, Edmonds was brought back, but England were unable

to separate the pair.	. 1
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NZ openers _ give a brilliant display

Karachi (AFP) - New Zealand were poised to take a fisst-innings lead over Pakistan at close of play on the third day of the third and final Test at the National Stadium

final Test at the National Stadium here-vesterday.

At stumps the tourists were 315 for four in reply to Pakistan's first-innings total of 328 all-out.

The highlights of the day's play were brilliam performances by Wright and Reid, the left-handed batsmen, who raised the possibility of a surprise win for New Zealand to salvage the tour after their in the first two Test matches and Pakistan's 3-1 victory in the one-day series.

out just before lunch for 107. A ball from labal Qasim, the leg spinner, took a sharp tuen and went into the gloves of Anil Dalpat after snicking the edge of Wright's bat.

The New Zealand opener stayed at the crease for 235 minutes and strack 17 boundaries and a magnificent six. His second wicket partnership with Reid has produced 80 valuable runs, but the stand between Reid and Martin Crowe for the third was even more fruitful, addding 95 before Crowe was given out leg-before by Shakoor Rana, the umpire, for 45 in the last over before tea.

crowe was dissalated with the decision and stayed at the crease for a while. Television showed a slow-motion replay several times and experis who were consulted gave the view that the benefit of the doubt should have been given to the batsman rather than the bowler.

Crowe was dissatisfied with the

ALL OF WICKETS: 1-83. 2-163. 3-258.

Keith Andrew, the former Northamptonshire and England wicketkeeper, has decided not to secreted Ken Turner, as the secretary of

Pakistan machine is too fast and clever for Britain

Pakistan.

Great Britain Pakistan reserved their best tisplay in the Champions Trophy Tournament for the match against Tournament for the match against Great Britain here yesterday, probably because they had a point to prove. Britain had held them to a goalless draw to finish at the top of the table before going on to win the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The atmosphere was right for Pakistan. They had a host of supporters whose ecstatic acclaim spurred their forwards to greater

scries.

John Wright, who was unbeated with 81 overnight, reached his fourth Test century, and John Reid was unlucky to be caught when he was only three runs short of his hundred. At the close Jeff Crowle was 39 not out and Coney, the captain, on 8.

After New Zealand, resumed at the overnight score of 99 for one Wright soon completed his tentify; first against Pakistan, before gesting out just before lunch for 1017. A ball.

Them another shot by Scriff mask to make contact. Them another shot by Kerly, from a back pass by Potter, went astray.

went astray.

The Pakistan machine began to The Pakistan machine began to work more smoothly and in the lifteenth minute an attack, initiated by Kaleemellah on the right, brought them their first goal. After Taylor had saved from Hassan Sardar, Manzoor Hussain scooped the ball into the net.

Pakistan make nothing of the only short corner in the first half, but six minutes before halfilime the

but six minutes before halftime the

succession of shors which rebounded. Kalegmuliah finally found the

Britain coming into the second half with renewed vigour, forced a

short-corner from which a stinging short by Caurall was well saved by the goalkeeper. There followed a slight adjustment in Britain's attack with Shaw giving way to Chiff and

Kerly moving from centre forward to inside right.

period. This gave way 10:3 penalty stroke after Catuali's shot was stopped on the line by a defender's foot and Potter, who seldom misses.

But there was little the British thefence could do to stop the Pakistani onslaught and two suporticentes by Kaleemullah on the right led to the third and fourth goals by Kaleemullah on the right led to the third and fourth goals by Kaleemullah on the right

Hanif Khan, both scored with tremendous power and precision.

All that British can hope for new is to beat the Netherlands to win the bronze medal. The Dutch, who defeated Spain 40 yesterday, need

The Pakistani defence showed signs of panic and conceded a short corner in the lifteenth minute of this

orwards took play once again into

only a draw.

BASKETBALL

Favourites face struggle

The two clubs who go into the second legs of tonight's Kellogg's Cup semi-finals holding narrow advantages know the hardest struggle will be to assert their authority over the opposition for not the second time this season, but

That is the task facing both Kingcraft Kingston, who receive Courills Manchester Giants holding a one-point lead, and Vikings who visit John Carr Donesster in Sheffield two points to the good. Both Kingston and Vikings have also won league games against their

By Nicholas Harling
go into the point loss to Vikings in the first
is Kellogg's division on Saturday, led at halfing narrow time in each game. "After that we
he hardest just seemed to lose a littlesomething in intensity and com-posure. Stevens said. Doneaster with another. Mike Davis. Colin Irish, who has strained ankle ligaments which caused him to miss

American player-coach whose team have now defeated Manchester twice by a single point. Is frething of the fitness of his compatitot. Da

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RFU ban

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French

Ray French, the former Rugby Union and Rugby League inter-national now a St Helens school-

eacher and BBC television Rugby League commentator, yesterday described as Judicrous unworkable and a farce his partial reinstate-ment as a Lancashire schoolboy

coach by the Rugby Football Union.
French, who had received no letter or communication by yesterday from the RFU, has sought legal.

advice and intends to go to the next meeting of the Lancashire Schools Rugby Union committee on

January 15 despite the RFU's refusal to reinstate him on the

As a schoolteacher who includes

As a schoolteacher who includes Rugby Union coaching on his curriculum, and qualifications. French believes he has legal grounds for staining that even a partial ban constitutes a restraint of trade in the practice of his profession.

French was recently informed by telephone, with no written confirmation or explanation, that the Lancashire RFU had decided that he could no longer coach county

he could no longer coach county schoolboy teams, or sit on the schools committee. The decision caused a furore, and French said

vesterday that he had received letters of support from "major clubs, national coachies and people

throughout the game".

He believes that his introduction

He believes that his introduction of Rugby League at Cowley School. St Helens, plus his BBC job and other involvements in the 13-a-side game, prompted the apparently arbitrary decision by Lancashire. Yesterday the RFU apologised to French over the manner of his

A statement was issued that he is entitled to coach Cowley boys in Rugby Union during the course of his paid profession. Although French is not to be reinstated on the

schools committee without further examination of his amateur creden-

tials, he can still coach, organize, help, select or assist with Lancashire

schools rugby.

French told me yesterday: "The

whole thing is ludicrous and a farce, and I have received no official confirmation of the RFU statement.

How on earth can I coach, organize or act as a selector with Lancashine

schoolboy teams if I cannot sit on the committee which organizes and

the committee which organizes and selects? It is a ludicrous anomaly, and I intend to take my place at the next meeting of the Lancashire Schools committee on January 15."

He added that the consequences arising from the decisions regarding himself "could be disastrous and far-reaching, for Northern schools rugby". In addition to French, many former Rugby League players, some of them internationals, have rugby coaching among their qualifications.

coaching among their qualifications.
They include another international

at both codes. Keith Fielding at Bramball in Cheshire, a Welsh

international at both codes. John. Bevan, at Arnold School, Blackpool,

Clive Griffiths, Martin Regan,, and

Alan McInnes.
In French's view, the most laughable anomaly of all is the fact that John Knighton, a former Rugby League player with Salford and St Heleos, sits on the Lancashire schools committee as Manchester

is a

Rugby Correspondent

Australians .

After Saturday at Murrayfield and Tuesday at Twickenham, Wednesday at Pontypool Park brought us back to the real world. Metaphors concerning dustcarts floated through the mind vesterday, a trifle unkindly, because this was never going to be a clasic of rugby as the grand game and the University

This was a slugging contest, the game of the big boot, which is how much of British rugby is dentified. At least the Australians won it with a try to take the match by two goals and four penalty goals to a goal and four

Entertainment there was none, unless you enjoy the sight proceedings. of kickers trying for goal once every five minutes. But it was a considerable achievement by what was largely the Austra-lians' second team to win and to do playing - as near as they could - the Welsh club's game. Pontypool's tight midfield desence on a misty, muddy day was never going to let the Australian array of switches function, so the touring side moved Black and Lane around at stand-off half, dependent upon where they were on the field, and a rain of high kicks descended on Lewis.

When Pontypool tried the same factic they seldom embar-rassed Gould, though the Australians must have been grateful for his solid presence. Indeed, the only area where the visitors were severely dis-comforted was the set scrummage: they lost Holt with a damaged left arm in the first half and Lillicrap at the start of the second with a leg injury. Burrow, the replacement prop-was hard pressed against Staff Jones, who had the redoubtable Perkins scrummaging behind

In.

It was hardly surprising that he of the biggest cheers of the lay came when Pontypool hunted the opposing pack back en metres and then, at the subsequent scrum, received a AUSTRALIANS: R Gould, P Grigg, J Black, R Hanley, I Williams; T Lane, N Fair-Jones; C Lillorap, (rep., G Burrow), M MoBain, E Rodriguez, W Calcraft (capt), N Holt, (rep., R Reynolds), W Campbell, D Codey, S Tuynman.

Reference: C High (England). one of the biggest cheers of the day came when Pontypool shunted the opposing pack back ten metres and then, at the subsequent scrum, received a penalty when the Australian front row collapsed. That, if you like, is Pontypool's "move", attributed and the only thing that went MacNeil.

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Whether you regard it as antithesis of what the Austra-lians (and Cambridge University) have been showing us. Curiously, within the first five minutes both sides had tries on the board from identical buildups. Goldsworthy pushed a long penalty down to the Australian line. Pontypool received a scrum and though Squire was held, Perkins surged over.

The reply came from Gould, whose kick created a similar position at the other end; Campbell tapped the ball down at the lineout and Rodriguez squirmed over the line. The ability of Campbell, Tuyaman and later Reynolds to win lineout balls brought consider-able relief to the Australians. penaltics, and sent Pontypool to able relief to the Australians, the first defeat they have but there was so little sustained play that one almost welcomed the mist which veiled the

After the opening tries there were never more than three points between the sides (until the dying moments) as Lewis's boot vied with those of Black and Gould for supremacy. Matters were even at half time at 15-15, and both touch judges decided they should not be denied their share of the action, three times to some skulduggery. It was hard to see what all the the penalties were for, though many of my Welsh neighbours knew exactly what was happening 50 metres away.

Campbell won a lineout. Black put a high kick, and a solid wall of Australian jerseys swamped Lewis under his posts. Grigg obtaining the touchdown. SCORERS: Pantypool: Try: Perkins. Conversion: Eewis. Penalties: Lewis (4) Australiane: Tries: Rodriguez, Grigg. Conversions: Black (2): Panalties: Black

The game was won in the last

five minutes of proper time.

PONTYPOOL: P Lewis: G Davies, L Feulkner, L Jones, B Taylor; M Goldsworthy, D Bishop; Staff Jones, Steve Jones, G Price, M Brown, J Perkins, E Butler (captain), C Huish, J

The first of Oxford University's penalty goals in yesterday's report of the University match should have been attributed to Pearson, rether than

8th December 1984



Staff Jones: under pressure in the scrum

Hampshire have the edge for'ard

By Peter Marson

Hampshire apparently regard their successes against the Royal Navy as being deserving of a special mention in dispatches. The victory on Portsmouth's ground yesterday is unlikely to have been one of the most memorable though, but with the county's eight establishing a slight edge. Hampshire deserved their win by three ties and a penalty-

Unfortunately both sides had been obliged to make late changes, and it might have been that a certain ack of co-ordination, which came to afflict the Navy one moment, and Hampshire the next, could be traced to this redeployment of forces. But, in the absence of polish, any amount of movement up and down the field and from touchline to touchline, coupled to some vigorous exchanges forwid, provided ample compensation on a cold. raw day, the result of an enjoyable contest

always remained in the balance.

A glut of five tries helped keep us warm in the first half, and even suggested a bonanza in points, though had that materialised one would have expedied the place kickers to have played a part.

before a deliberate, carefully taken penalty kick for goal by Fly, an emerging Harlequin and Hampshire full back, found the target from 25 metres and made victory certain.

The experienced Burden and Durkin, scrum halves both, played excellently, and it was Burden, darting to the short side of a five-metre scrummage who engineered daring to the short sale to a revenuence scrummage who engineered Hampshire's first try by Moorfoot. Good work by Hampshire's forwards then led to brace of tries by Moody, and in a spirited counterattack Hampton and Hughes scored tries for the News.

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BOXING: CLARKE TO ASK TO SEE BBC CONTRACT

Board ban on block Meetingto bookings as contract row grows allegations

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Block bookings of dates and halls promoters, such as Eddie Thomas, by promoters are to be stopped by the British Boxing Board of Control.

Rac Clarke the board secretary said of London, and others up and down Ray Clarke the board secretary said vesterday. The decision comes just the country, who are not in the two days after the admission by the Barratt-Duff camp, to get a fair slice of the BBC to The Times that they had a contract with Mike Barratt and Mickey Duff, the London promoters, for the coverage of their shows, which are mainly held at the Albert Hall and Wembley.

Thomas has often tried to interest the BBC with good contests, but to little avail One RBC refusal even Albert Hall and Wembley.
The new rule will be a severe

blow to the promoters who have the Albert Hall booked until the end of 1985 and, more important, could also release the BBC from their contract and enable them to buy boxing contests on the open market outside the Duff-Barrett orbit.
It has been widely held in boxing

circles for many years that the contract between the BBC and Duff and Barrett existed, otherwise every how at those venues would no snow at those venues would not have been shown, regardless of their quality. But, like King Solomon's Mines, no one had seen it. That is why the BBC admission is all the more welcome. "We are going to ask the BBC and Duff and Barrett for a copy of the contract. Mr Clark said. We have often asked to see the contract but the BBC always say there is no contract, only a gentleman's agreement."

gentleman's agreement."

The document appears to have Infringed the board's regulation 20A, which states: "Unless prior consent of the board is obtained, no licence holder shall negotiate in connection with or arrange for or take pagt in the televising, broadcasting or screening by film or other means (whether in whole or in part) in the United Kingdom of a boxing contest in any part of the world, or negotiate in connection with, or contest in any part of the worth, or negotiate in connection with, or arrange for or take part in any such contest which is to be so televised, broadcast or screened. All appli-

cations in paragraph one must be made to the board in writing." The board may also examine the contracts of the other big London promotor. Frank Warren, who has an arrangement with independent television companies. The board move should, however, help smaller

the BBC with good contests, but to little avail. One BBC refusal even Jones of Gorsemon. Jones had to go to Copenhagen to box Hans Henrik Palm, of Denmark, for the European title. Also, Burt McCar-thy's brilliant young middleweight. Errol Christie, bas not been seen in

action by BBC viewers.
Particularly poignant is Charlie
Atkinson's story of how the BBC
turned dewn a British middleweight championship bout between Roy Gambs. of Tottenham, and Eddie Burke, of Scotland. "It was a good fight". Atkinson says, "England v Scotland and both were good punchers. I even told the BBC. Give me a date and I'll run for you. But I got nowhere. Only 800, people were at the Kelvin Hall. Glasgow to see the bout. I didn't take enough money to pay for the

supporting bouts.
"It was a cracking good fight and
Ray Clarke sympathized with me.
Harry Gibbs, the ref said, it's a bad. Harry Gibbs, the ref said, 'It's a bad-night Charlie. Next time I'll do the fight free for you." There was no next time. He was out of the 'big

not mean days will be going begging at the Albert Hall. The dates may not be available, and in any case, applicants would have to be vetted. JOHANNESBURG: The dethroned heavyweight boxing cam-pion. Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa fought with an injured thursb when he lost to American challenger Greg Page in an over-long round a week ago, his manager said y every (Reuter reports). "His thumb was injected before the fight by the boxing board doctor, it could well."

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Mike Barrett, Mickey Duff,
Jarvis Antaire and Terry Lawless
will all be called to a special meeting
of the British Boding Board of
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The Board considered Standay
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yesterday and afterwards released
the following statement: "Following
the disclosure of a contract between
the four leading themes holders the four leading ficence toblers a copy of which has been forwarded to the board by the licence bolders in question, the Board has decided to request them to appear before a special meeting of the Board, to be arranged early in the New Year, when the whole matter will be

Earlier, Barrett refused allogations by Charile Magri, the former world flyweight champion, that he had been paid "pennip" during his career. Barrett said by had made navoonts of more then

He said he paid Magri £25,000 for his world title winning fight against Elioncio Mercedes at Wembley Arena in March 1983, and then paid him £75,000 for his unsuccessful defence against Frankl Cedera at the communication of the communication unsuccessful defence against Franki Cedeno at the same, vesue the following September. "Both shows lost mesory – the first £3,387 and the second £13,479", Barrett said.
"I have always respected the confidentiality of boxers' purses and will continue to do so. Buf whenever a boxer makes a public complaint that he is only getting 'penants', then I shall discover the trac facts and let the public decide for The end of block bookings does

Torrance gets the call from Uncle Sam

Scottish master invited to Augusta Sam Torrance's reward for his

Sam Torrance's reward for his finest season in Europe is his first invitation, after 14 years as a professional, to the United States Masters at Augusta next April. Consequently, he might change his schedule for 1985. "It's the best Christmas present: I could have received and For trying not to get foo avoited." he said.

Torrance has demonstrated the truth in the adage that there is no substitute for experience. This season he won three European tour events (Tunisian Open, Benson and Hedges International and Sanyo in the Order of Merit; there were official winnings of £112,657 and, including his world-wide earnings. an income of more than £200,000.

established star of the Eighties. He always had an abundance of talent. always had an abundance of them.

He had been well educated in the art
of shot-making. The exposed
Ayrshire coast, where he has lived
all his life, provided the perfect

The trick for Torrance, from the noment he became an assistant at Sunningdale at the age of 16, was not so much how to manufacture shots as how to manufacture talent to achieve the optimum results. His mission, which required results, ris missions was required patience and strength of character, was to shed certain distracting habits and sill an avalanche of advice heaped upon his braw Scottish shoulders.

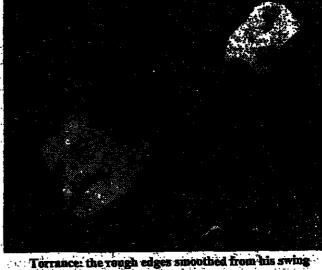
"You must learn to adapt to conditions, learn to stay in control. Now, when in confension, I'm usually pretty good. I know how to apply myself to what is necessary to succeed.

work. There was a lot of arth work. There was a lot of advice but, in the end, you use only about a lenth of it. If you used it all you would run the risk of being dominated by other individuals' thoughts and opinious."

"Experience is the greatest asset

"It's taken time; and a lot of hard

One man, however, is responsible for Torrance's evolvement. His



father. Robert, the professional at to do that," he said. "I'm not scared Large for most edges from Sam's everything and live there to do it will be an accordant to market shinks and live there to do it in his armour. He commanded his son to examine critically his swing on the practice range at every opportunity rather than live in a fantesy world on the course with

There was a natural resentment r here was a natural resembled, no different from that of a youngster compelled by his father to sit at a piano while his triends played kick-and-rosh outside, and there were argaments. "I've worked Sam hard". Torrance sen-said. "But it's a fact that you get nothing from nothing in this world."

Even now it is the Gary Player philosophy that the harder you work, the luckier you get, which fans this very special father-and-son relationship. Torrance is back home, relaxing from the rigours of touring, but the local recreation ground remains a daily meeting point for a reassuring session on his swing.

Torrance, too, has mellowed his outlook to life. His feet are firmly on the ground. "It's not a question of someone convincing you how good you are", he said. "I still don't know how good I, am. It's something I don't think you ever know. I don't even waitt to think about it. I just even waitt to think about it. I just even waitt to think about it. want to play golf and let it happe

Nick Faldo has qualified for the Angasta: event and Bernhard Langer, the leader of the Order of Merit in 1984, is likely to receive an invitation along with Sandy Lyle.

He sees no future in letting it happen as a regular member of the American circuit. "I just don't want

life now. I have a great wife and we have a great home and a lovely relationship. I don't want to change everything by living there.
"It might — just might — be different if I was exempt. If I could

organize a specific programme. But I have no intention of going to the tour school to win my player's card.
"What the invitation to the Masters has done is to provide me with the incentive to work hard, so after the New Year celebrations it will be straight out with the clubs for a series of acssions with my father at

Largs.
"What I would like, if it is possible, is a couple of invitations to other US circuit events so that Ican other US circuit events so that Ican acclimatize for Augusta. The Masters is a fabulous event, and I want to make a good impression."

What about his other goals in 1985 - the British Open, for instance? "I'm getting choser," he said. "And I like Royal St George's, where the Open is next year. I was fifth there in 1981. And this year at Sf Andrews I was ninth despite St Andrews I was ninth despite dropping shots at each of the first four in the first round and five shots in the last four of the second round.

really the only major we play in.
But I'm not saying that I haven't
had enough experience. It'l come to
the 18th on the last day needing
par to win, I would feel unbelievable.

Mitchell Platts

Robin Knox-Johnston talks to Barry Pickthall

Master sails against the wind

Any man who cuts himself off from the outside world for 10 months, to face alone the savagery of the sea, must be stronged-willed; Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to complete a solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world back in 1969, is stronger than most. This master mariner, now aged 45, rarely suffers fools and having once taken up an argument or challenge, rarely makes a U-turn. The Spanish race committee discovered this to their cost when

daring to criticize some design aspects of his latest racing catamaran, British Airways I, before the Cash, Aaron Krickstein, Stefan Edberg, Libor Pimek and Guy maan, priman Aliways, before the start of the curront Route of Discovery transatlantic race in Benal Madina. Knox-Johnston adamantly refused to fit crosslines under the trampoline netting spanning the two hulls forward of the mast, and the officials ruled this mast, and the officials ruled this

unsafe. Knox-Johnston's stance left the committee with the unenviable choice of disqualifying him from this inauguaral race, or backing down. Not surprisingly perhaps,

they chose the easier course.

Launched to take on and beat the French, the current leaders in long distance multi-hull racing, Knox-



commentator said before the start of the Spanish transatlantic race. Knox-Johnston remained un-moved. "Just wait until the fleet him-heavy weather", he said with a wink. "The boat may look bulky, but she is deceptively light." He insists that her all-up weight is no more than six tons, but her designer. Rod. McAlpine. Downle, put the figure nearer seven at the naming figure nearer seven at the naming to break, before scurrying more ceremony in London five weeks ago. wards, into the record books

OSTAR and 2-STAR races, are to windward, which calls for a stronger boat". Knox-Johnston countered. As British multihull designs have won both clapsed and corrected time honours (admittedly in French hands) in this year's OSTAR, he has a rount

Before the Observer twotransatiantic race in June, Knot-Johnston and his French crewman. Bernard Gallay, plan to take up the challenge that beat Chay High last month: the 89-day saling recom-from New York to San Francisco ac-by the clipper ship. Flying Cloud-133 years ago. "I have a grant deal of respect for Chay Blyth and Cape-Horn. He was very unfacty," Know-Johnston said, "We will be rounding the Cape in the southern bear sphere equivalent of our August, which should provide note hospitable weather than in the spinal when Chay was capsized." Knox-Johnston's plan is to set out

from New York in April, 1802 down through the south Atlantic as Isst 5 possible, then soek shaiter behind the mountainous islands around Cape Florin, valting for the weather.

Johnston's 60ft calamaran has been variously described, on both sides of the Channel, as being overweight, under-canvassed and outdated. "It's like turning up for the Spanish 500cc world championship with a specific principal British events, like the particularly the Freuch.



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SHOW JUMPING Skelton mounts triple challenge

By Jenny MacArthur

Nick Skelton, in the enviable position of having three top Grand Prix horses to choose from, is poised to make a formidable attack on this year's Olympia international show jumping championships, which begin this evening at Olympia with a gala performance in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The show, which with its festive spirit and family atmosphere is a favourite with most of the riders, is sponsored by Cognac Courvoisier, Modern Alarms and Radio Rentals.

Riders will be competing for £63,700 of prize money during the five days of the show The two main show jumping classes are the Volvo World Cup qualifying round on Saturday afternoon and Monday evenings £1£2,950 Grand Prix, sponsored for the last time by Radio

classes on St James. The 14-year-old gelding, who helped Skelton to a record-breaking 10 wins at Wemrecord-oreaking 10 wins at wem-bley in October, remains Skelton's top horse, but in Apollo and Everest Radius he has two enviable second strings. Both are very much on form. Apollo won the New York Grand Prix in October and Everest Radius won four classes for his rider during that North American tour. during that North American tour.

Malcolm Pyrah and John Whitaker are the two British riders Skelton fears most. Pyrah won last month's Berlin qualifying round for the World Cup on Towerlands Anglezarke and Whitaker, Skelton's great friend as well as rival, won the qualifier at Bordeaux last weekend



Skelton: three horses

Skelton is third. Only the top 20 riders in the European League qualify for the World Cup final in Berlin in April so each qualifying round - this is the fifth of 12 - is body contested.

Whitaker will probably ride Ryan's Son in Saturday's compe-Ryan's Son in Saturday's compe-tition. The 16-year old horse has not jumped since Wembly but is reported fit and well. Whitaker's British rivals will include David Brome, Harvey Smith and the full British Olympic team. Tim Grubb having flown over from America for the chart. He have been been these

the show. He has been lent three horses by Ted Edgar including the very able Arabeske. Most unlucky of the Olympic riders is Michael Whitaker, who lost Samir Mahmoud's Disney Way, one of his best horses, last month. The horse failed to come round from the anaesthetic after an operation in

Berlin to remove a splint. Whitaker is already without his Olympic horse, Amanda, who will not be fit again until March following an operation on her intestines in October. At Olympia Whitaker places his hopes in Owen Gregory, a tough, reliable campaigner, and the rapidly improving mare Tamara. Lionel Dunning is a notable

absentee from this year's show. His horse box was in collision with a police car on Sunday afternoon and Synapse and Durrow, two of the horses he had entered for Olympia,

The organizers of Olympia are justified in feeling a passing sense of satisfaction at the impressive array foreign riders who have accepted invitations to compete. Among the 13 are the West German European champion, Paul Schockemohle, Thomas Fruhmann and Hugo Simon of Austria, Eddie Macken, of the Republic of Ireland, and the 1984 World Cup Winner from Canada, 19-year-old Mario Deslau-riers who will be competing in England for the first time. England for the first time.

Moses's new hurdle The Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, Edwin Moses, has been chosen as one of three American representatives on the International Athletic Federation (IAAF). Moses is the first active athlete to become a full IAAF delegate. The other American representatives are Richard Hollander and Dr Leroy Walker, the coach to the 1976 US Olympic resus and new productions.

TENNIS

Bing's fellow anglers say thanks for the memory

By Conrad Voss Bark

Bing Crosby sang well but he fished better, or so I was once assured. It is not unlikely. Many a man's hobby is of more importance to him than his job. Bing Crosby was a familiar figure on many rivers, especialy in Iceland, almost invariably wearing a trilby hat, smoking a straight-grain briar pipe, and casting a line that went out delicately true and far. The pipe, the hat, and his fishing tackle are now in a museum in Manchester, Vermont.

They join a collection of more than a thousand fly rods, 400 reels, and heaven knows how many flies that once belonged to Eisenhower. Hoover, Carnegie, Hemingway, and many another famous Americans. now preserved in the newly-created and spacious galleries of the American Museum of Fly Fishing. We have nothing comparable in our country. Our treasures - and we have many - are spread widely in private collections.

In the United States if anyone

wants to see the original dressings of the Adams or the Quill Gordons or

the rods that were used at the time of Jesse James, they have only to go to

Manchester. Vermont, where every-thing has been brought together

under one roof. It is also possible to enjoy putting a fly on the bright and lovely Battenkill river which lies Many thousands of people go there. to speculate, stand and stare. One of

the interesting things to me was the number of Amrican politicians who have been passionste fishermen, among them three, possibly four. Presidents. We have had Prime Ministes who have smoked pipes, played golf and shot grouse, but the only minister of Cabinet rank that I can think of who was a great fly fisherman was Edward Grey, who was Foreign Secretary for about 15 years before and during the First World Mar World War.
Whether his colleagues approved or disapproved of Grey's hobby I do not know, but the Prime Minister

oot know, but the Prime Minister certainly thought it was a bit odd. Lloyd George is on record as saying: "Grey would have risen to great heights if he hadn't wasted his time fishing."

Wilander to be top seed at Birmingham

Mats Wilander, twice champion of Australia and once champion of France, will be the top seed in the men's singles tournament to be sponsored by Belgian American Investments at the National Exhibition Centre. Birmingham, from January 2 to 6 (Rex Bellamy writes). The other seeds will be Henrik Sundstrom, Joakim Nystrom, Pat

Forget.
The field of 24 consists of 18 players who qualified by their world. rankings, and six - among them Stuart Bale and Stephen Shaw of Britain - who were specially invited, Shaw, born on January 1, 1963, will be the oldest competitor in a tournament restricted to players born in 1963 or later. • The Lawn Tennis Association

are to run a second series of men's satellite tournament's in January and February with overall prize money of £26,000 and carrying money of 2.20,000 and carrying computer ranking points.

The LTA's decision to organize a second series comes after the success of the first one, when Jeremy Bates won the

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Toftenham win their colours stained in their own blood forled and Kakucka cynically kicked him in the stomach as he walked by White Crooks tried to draw the referee's attention

to the villain, Kalancka spat in

his face. But in the seventh minute the Czechoslovaks re-ceived a blow that was as jolting as any they dished out. Galvin

as any they asses out valving quickly turned in a cross and Falco, annuarized, decaded comfortably home for his fourth goal in four games. It intraeditately took some of the gressure

off Tottenham and presented Bohemians with a commissory larger of four goals to score.

unpunished until late took a hand, in trying to impale Galvin to the pirch, he mjured

himself and limped out of the

Tottenham, defended with

great discipline, seldom allowing Bohemians to shoot. When

they did Clemence was equal to

as anything the cultured Sloup dispensed with refinery and

smashed Hoddle to the floor with a backhander.

it was he not Hoddle, who should have left the field.

Hoddle needed four stitches in a

Tottenham

(Tottenham win 3-Lon aggregate)

Tottenham Hotspur, faced with despicable provocation, answered it in the best way - the only way - possible by inflicting defeat upon their enemy over the two legs to reach the quarter-linal round of the UEFA Cup for the fifth time in. as many attempts. But the price was high, quite apart from the bruising and battering they suffered. Hoddle was struck in the face after 44 manutes and suffered. Hoddle was struck in the face after 44 manutes and carried off on a stretcher with blood screaming from a gashed eye.

But the goal mirrior more seed.

But the goal mirrior more seed below the clattered forciously into Calvin and was booked March one of the worst offenders.

Seven players were booked, including Roberts, one of the more courageous young men who proudly wore the colours of Tortenham this day though in game. his case, also, they were speckled with his own blood. He will now miss the first leg in the next round and that could. be crucial since it is the one area anything they could offer. Then a minute before half-time, perhaps in frustration as much in which . Tottenham are not well supported. Miller and Falco also had their names taken but their misdemeanours were adthing compared to some of the vicious acts of their hosts, many of which went unseen by a nevertheless observant. Belgian referee. It was impossible for him to catch everything but cut over his left eye. It went it was amazing how some of the against the grain to see Sloup celebrating Bohemians's equa-Czechoslovaks stayed on the

lizer six minutes into the second Then aggressive attitude was cxtraordinary given doubted ability which they had demonstrated at White Hart Lane in the first leg. These were Tottenham with a video or since Tottenham do not sente the charts want again here. That easily, Peter process sin finally went high his like level in the charter of half when his cross was nicely extraordinary given their un-doubted ability which they had

field.

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Florence (Reuter) - Gianicarlo De been appointed as trainer of sti vesterday resigned as manager. Austria's hational team. Sisti vesterday resigned as manager of the Ralian first division club; Fiorenting, father than share the job, Ferrocció Valcareggi, 65, is lo take over as manager until the end of the season, his first game will be Fiprentina's home league match-against Juvenius on Sunday.

De Sisti, criticized for Fioren-tina's indifferent league form and a humiliating defeat by Anderlecht of Belgium in the UEFA Cup, said the last straw was when Dynamo Kiev of the Soviet Union beat his team 5-0 last Sunday. He said he decided to step down after the Fiorentina club president Ranjeri Pontello and his father, Count Plavin Pontello, who owns a majority stake in the club, had proposed hiring Valca-

reggi as co-manager.

"I have nothing against Valca-reggi personally, but I could not accept a proposal of that kind. I believe I should be free to make my own instales if necessary", De Sisti said at a news conference in Florence, Italian newspapers have speculated that Cesar Luis Menotti. the former Argentinian manager, may become the club manager next season. Daniel Passarella, former. Argentinian captain, plays for

Fiorentina,
Vienna (Reuter) - Branko Eisner,
a Yugoslav sports professor, has

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Elsner director of a sports college ar Laubjanes takes over as janional trainer, on January 15 from Erich Hef. who resigned last month. Under Hof. Austria have made a moderate start to their 1986 World-Cup qualifying campaign.

Brussels (Rester) - Police bave seized accounts belonging to the Belgian Football Federation in begin rootean receivant in connection with investigations into "black money" payments to Belgian players during the 1982 World Cup, a justice spokesthan said yesterday. Officials questioned five players and the federation chaluman, louis late and Monday and Wooters, late on Monday and examined the organization's illes, a

rederation spokesman said. Lest mouth five clubs were ordered to pay up to Bel Fr42 million (about £580,000) each in back-dated taxes and lines (Reuter) - France, the European champions are likely to play World champions haly in Monaco next February. The match would inaugurate a new stadium in the Mediterranean principality and give France a same during a four-month gap in their World Cup qualifying

programme: Tuesday's results

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City 1, Everton 8; Manchester City 1, Derby 0; Sheffeld: Wednesday 4, Nota County 1, Second division: Blackpool 4, Middleshrough 2, Wigan 2, Rotherfam 1 (abandoned after 78 min); POOTBALL COMBINATION: Bitnishgham 2, Reading 1; Bighton 1, Cheless 4; Crystat Palace 5, Swindon 6; Futhern 0, Milwell 0; OP Rangers 5, West Ham 0, MpDiviseK LEAGUE: Southerd 3, Peterborough 1.



FOOTBALL: HODDLE INJURED AND SEVEN BOOKED IN BATTLE OF PRAGUE

Oxford's pride bruised again a field day on the right wing. Whyte soon made it 2-0 with a firm header

at the far post after Marshall's corner kick had been flicked on

from the other post. Whyte was one of five Old Wulfrunians who all

made their mark on the match and

it was the Oxford representative, Husselbee, who reduced the arrears

be has now scored on each of his four appearances at Wembley - with a goal from the penalty spot after Wesson, a convert from the oval

the hour they equalized. A clever touch by Husselbee, for once beating his shadow, Rentoul, set up

a goal for the hard working Hunter.

a goal for the nard working rithies.

Cambridge's riposte was immediate.

Within two minutes they had twice

cut Oxford open: the first time

Crummett saved well from Walsh,

with great aplomb.

ball game, had tripped Gazidis. Lucky to have been given a lifeline, the Dark Blues came out strongly for the second half and on

Cambridge Univ

Oxfrod's sporting pride, already severely battered at Twickenham on Tuesday, suffered another blow at Wembley yesterday in the 10 ist University football match, Cam-bridge, the better organized and more composed team, recovered from the loss of a two-goal lead to win the CB Fry Trophy for the first time in six years and to achieve their biggest score since they won by the same margin in 1963. Although the dank December

Although the dank December afternoon was warmed by a good ration of excitement and goals, it was disappointing to see both sides employing a rigid offside trap; but whereas Cambridge's defece, built around Rentoul and Baker, had a solid look, through-passes repeatedly opened gaps the width of Broad Street in Oxford's back line. After scappy opening exchanges a badly needed goals arrived in the 23rd minute when Marshall slipped the ball inside and Elliott defly beat the ball inside and Elliott defily beat the stranded Crumment from 15 yards. With the speedy Marshall having

Big pay day eludes Dartford

Daniferd's --hopes of infacing Manchester Junied at Old Trafford mannessex-price at Qid Trainord ended abraphly, when they were beaten 4-1 in Teesday, night's FA Cup Second Tound Teplay at Bournemouth. Now the fouth division side catt contemplate repeating last season's, shock. FA Cap win over Ron Atkinson's side on January 5, when Dartford will

on January 5, when Dartford will bave to settle for meeting Prickley Affiletic in a Gola League fixture. Dartford were still in contention until the last five minutes, when Colin Russell and Billy Rafferty scored Bournemouth's third and fourth goals. It took Bournemouth 35 minutes to go ahead through their youth team coach, Keith Williams, but they looked safe when Bobby Savage added a 59th-minue penalty Mickey Dingwall. Dar-lford's £3,000 signing from Maidstone, scored his first goal for the club after 75 minutes.

... Harry Redknapp, Bournemouth's manager, said: "There was £40,000 nt stake for this club and it showed. There was a lot of pressure on the

Southend United Supporters' Loan Club officials are still tryng to find the cash to pay out investors. On Tuesday night, for the second tinte, there were no funds in the kitty for the 600 dlub members who

have saved £116.000.

The club secretary. Keith Holmes, said yesterday: "We are doing our best 10 get the money and I am guaranteeing lans will receive it well in time for Christmas. I am prepared to out my own house for

Last night's results UEFA Cup

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UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 2, Cambridge 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Humar (Queen Elizabeth's GS, Blackburn and Onelling (Colles of Sand Cheens'); P Roberts (Colle's GS and Fitzwälern), Wesson (Tonbridge and Trinisy Half, Sub: R Girdstone, Hampton and St. John's), J Rentbud (Molwerhampton GS and King's), G Balter (Wolverhampton GS and King's), G Balter (Wolverhampton GS and King's), G Balter (Wolverhampton GS and Trinisy Half), A Mershall (Queen Elizabeth's GS, Galinsborough and St. John's), C Eloat (Porest and Girton, Sub: B Randal, Radden Court and Gowning), G Wash (Barrow-In-Furness GS and Trinisy Half, capitaln), C Evans (Wolverhampton GS and Fizzwälam), Subs: R Girdlestone (Hampton and St. John's), B Randali (Radden Court and Downing), Raferse: V N Crean (Kent).

Verity appointed ...

the second Harper took his chance Kevin Verity the Midlands Variy foraged hard and one marvellous swing of the hips once took Husselbee through the defence. but Oxford's force was spent by the time Marshall scored Cambridge's fourth goal three minutes from time.

Arsenal rebuffed over Williams bid

Southampton have rejected Ar-senal's bid for Steve Williams, their England midfield playes. Alan Woodfied, the Southampton chair-man said yesterday: we have not received an acceptable offer for the

Arsenal are still the only club to have made a firm offer for Williams and are likely to increase their opening bid. Don Howe, the manager said: we all have to start somewhere. They have put their valuation on the player and we have our idea of what he is worth to this club. I am still waiting to hear officially whether our offer has been accepted.

rcu. mingham city yesterday es-Birmingham city yesterday escaped a Football League ban on transfer dealings by handing over a £5,000 instalment on Wayne Clarke's summer transfer from Wolves. The money was not paid by the December. I deadline and the League imposed a suspension on transfers this week.

Birmingham, who are still trying to arrange an extension of Tony.

to arrange an extension of Tony Morley's loan from West Bromwich Albion, are likely to attempt to finance future purchases by listening to offers for Mick Harford.

David Bowman, the Heart of Midlothian midfield player, signed

for Coventry City yesterday on a said a permanent move could result Newcastle's Cup date switched

Newcastle United have been to be moved so there was no way ordered to play their FA Cup third round tie at Nothingham Forest on Sunday. January 6. The Football Association decided to insist on the change because Forest's neighbours. Leicester City to be played at Derby Notts County also have a home tie. Notis County, also have a home tie, against Grimsby.

Newcastle wanted to keep their

game on Saturday, January 5 and originally rejected Forest's request for a change of a day. But an FA spokesman said yesterday: "We are acting on the advice of the police. They wanted the Newcastle match



three year contract at a transfer fer

Shellied-United yesterday joined Notts County, fellow second dividion strugglers, in the chase for Mel Eves. Eves, top scorer with Wolves during their promotion season to the first division two years ago, is now with Manchester City the installable without a fee

County's ground on Saturday,

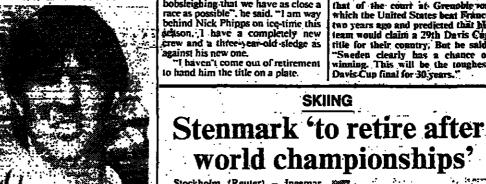
 Allied Properties have planned a £22 million redevelopment scheme at Molyneux which is being partly financed by Government urban development grants, and is due to start next spring.

(West) F.A. regional coach, has been appointed the manager of the England semi-professional team. He succeeds Keith Wright, who is taking up the post of secretary to the English Golf Union in February.

season. I have a completely new crew and a three-year-old sledge as

of practice.

against his new one



Stenmark, of Sweden, may retire after the World Championships carty next year. Swedish newspapers of £100,000.... Sheffield United vesterday joined reported vesterday. Stenmark fin-ished 13th in the World Cup giant statom at Sestriere on Tuesday, after failing to finish in all three previous

events this season.
One newspaper. Morninger
Syrnska Daghladet. said he now looks likely to ignore the World Cup and concentrate on the World ago, is now with manchesic City but is available without a fee.

Kim Christofte, the Danish international, is being given a week's trial by Leicester City. The 24-year-old utility player has seven caps. Gordon Milne, the manager. Championships. It quoted Sten-mark as saying "If I don't have a

chance to win, there is not much point in going on.

The paper added: "There are several indicatios that Ingernar will end his fantastic career at Bormio. where he could become the first man in alpine skiing history to win three secessive World Champion-

hip gold medals. Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 1978. Stenmark, 28, won both the slalom and giant slatom golds and in Schladming, in 1982, he took the slalom crown.

A second national daily paper Dagens Nyheter, blamed Stenmark's relaxed attitude for his lack of success this year. "We can give no answer to why "Victory-machine Stenmark's has stopped working

Turich (Reuter) - Michela Figini,

TENNIS



Stenmark: poor season women's downhill, winner in the Saragevo winter Olympics, has been

yourd Sportswoman of the Year in

annual poll. annual polt.

The award—for Best Sportsman-went to the swimmer Etienne Dagon, a bronze medallist in the 200-metre breaststroke at the Los Angeles Olympics.

The trend towards Olympic medal winners continued in the team awards. Switzerland's cycling quarter, who won silver medals in the road race at the Olympics, were the winners,

Williams is a big noise with high-technology racket teoric rise just over a season ago, when he switched to the first graphite range issued by Slazenger. Bryan Betson carved his way unseeded to the semi-finals against

Ashley Naylor with a new Multi-sport graphite. Three of the onten's semi-finalists were playing with the new generation rackets.

Lucy Soutter changed to an oversized graphite produced by the Browning reachinegus manufacturers a few weeks ago and almost immediately moved down Susan Devoy, the British Open champion,

in a special women's challenge Nicky Spurgeon rose from the depths of the women's national ranking to steal last month's British Under-23 Championship and to challenge for this senior title as soon as she signed with the Wilson terms and golf equipment group to exclusively promote their new £1(0) up-market graphite racket. Alison Cumings, her British doubles champion partner and semi-finals opponent last night, has for some time used the same Slazenger graphite model favoured by Wil-

liams.

Of the Shefield entry of 128 men and women, more than half were equipped with graphite rackets, of which 56 were recorded in a special marketing survey as featuring the oversized heads known to provide a larger "sweetspot", reduce errors, and increase shot power.

TENNIS

Lloyd goes out on day of surprises

Wales Open here, was beaten 6-2, 5-1 in the second round vesterday by Sammy Giammalua, a 21-yearby Sammy Giammalua, a 21-year old American. Colin Dowdeswell was anothe

wooden .. ProKennex and Jamie

Hickox plays what many see as the most scintillating style in the game with a traditional Dunlop Maxplay.

It is noticeable, however, that the players beginning to disturb the tournament establishment usually prefer the new lightweight big-headed rackets, which they claim

are quicker to the shot, thus giving greater choice, and faster through the air, which imparts significantly

ore power and speed to the ball. Geoff Williams began his me-

British casualty, going out 6-3, 7-5 to Ben Testerman, of the United States, who reached the semi-final of the Australian Open recently. Lloyd was one of five seeds who

were knocked out of the second round. Hank Pfister produced the surprise of the day by beating fellow American second seed. Tim Mayotte, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5. Plister, who considered retirement earlier this year after failing to on a competitive match between

and is hoping to borrow a new Austrian sledge to increase his chances of winning the four-man April and August, refused to allow Mayotte, ranked 19th in the world to his 116th, to dictate the terms of their match. Mayotte served for the Without going to such lengths. Deere gives himself little chance of being able to seriously challenge the match contest at 5-4 in the second set but Pfister rallied to produce a win which earned him a meeting with John Fitzgerald, the Australian Davis Cup player in the last 16 Two other seeds, Mike Bauer, of

drivers, the team manager, Mo Hammond, discussed the situation with Deere and requested him to rejoin the fold for the final two days "It has nothing to do with the fact

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world championships'

that he is being coached, or that the might be loaned an Austrian sledge, said Hammond, "li's simply a question of everyone practising under the same con-Reluctantly, Deere has agreed to

The fast and furious dismissal of the defending champion. Philip Kenyon from the semi-finals of the

British championships at Sheffield less night, by the imperious effi-handed Geoff Williams, perfectly illustrates the manner in which rapidly improving tacket design is retrumental in changing the top

Williams, the Manchester-based

top seed, and one of the first to use

the new generation graphite racket, defeated Kenyon 9-2, 9-7, 9-3, in 54

minutes; of masterly control. Kenyon, the third seed and still

Kenyon, the third seed and still; using wooden rackets, joins the No 2 seed, Gawain Briars, another wood racket man, in the discarded list; at Sheffield. Prior to the introduction of the new rackets, these two men played in the last five British closed finals.

Almost all the players breaking through this year are wielding the

Amost all the players breaking through this year are wielding the high-technology rackets, expensive tools which many believe, have already raised the standard of tournament squash several points. Conversely, many of the more established players suffering shock defeats seeminely overy day are still

defeats seemingly overy day, are still leed to contract; that require them to appear on court with traditional wooden rackets.

Of course, Martine Le Moignan still produces flashing shots from a

BOBSLEIGH

Deere is

forced

into line

By Chris Moore

John Decre, the defending champion, has had his wings clipped in his attempt to retain the

four-man title at this weekend's British championships, sponsored

The 36-year-old insurance broken

for Lloyds in London has spent the last two days training with the Austrian national squad, instead of with the other British crews.

He is also employing a new Austrian coach, Helmuth Saiscek,

for his expert advice on the best way to drive the 1976 Olympic track

title for the third successive year,

favourite, Nick Phipps.

But last night after an approach

ov Allied Steel, here.

fall into line, though not without some reservations. To my mind, bobsleighing that we have as close a race as possible", he said. "I am way behind Nick Phipps on ice-time this

"I haven't come out of retirement to hand him the title on a plate. Davis Cup final for 30 years."

21-year-old. Ken Flach, while Forget, who was troubled by a nosebleed at the end of the mach. went out 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, tio Tom Cara. Miloslav Meeir, the seventh seed from Czechoslovakia, lost 6-3. the United States, and Guy Forget, of France, lost to Americans who to Peter Doohan a 23-year-ol-

Ashe tries out cup court

Gothenburg (Reuter) - Arthur Ashe, the United States non-playing team captain said yesterday that the indoor clay court built for their Davis Cop final against Sweden this weekend was faster than he had expected.

After testing the court himself,

that of the court at Grenoble out. Heas Olsson, chose clay in an which the United States beat France attempt to slow the Americans two years ago and predicted that his down. Ashe said the fact that the team would claim a 29th Davis Cap-title for their country; But be sald: "Sweden clearly has a chance of winning. This will be the toughest

The United States team com-prises John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Peter Fleming and Jimmy Arias, All four Swedish players -Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd, Henrik' Sundstrom and Stefan Edberg – are clay court specialists.

had played through the qualifying tournament. Bauer, last year's lesing finalist, was beaten 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 by

main court and practice court were laid so quickly ha made them faster than outdoor clay. Both were laid in one week, using a total of 400 t of clay.

RACKETS

Boone win sets up another clash with Prenn

By William Stephens William Boone, who won the world championship on December I from John Prenn, reached the final of the Celestion invitation singles tournament when he defeated Randall Crawley by 15-12, 15-4, 15-10 at Queen's Club, on Tuesday

evening.

Boone knows Crawley's game well since together they have held the amateur doubles championship since 1980 and the open title since its inception in 1981. Crawley, the youngest winner of the H. K. Foster Cup when barely 16, in 1966, is a graceful timer of the ball, but airhough he held Boone at 12-12 in the first game, he could not win the vital pornts. He also built up a substantial lead in the third Prenn defeated the double-han-ded James Male by 15-7, 17-14, 15-8 in the other semi-final. In the second game Male achieved a lead of 11-4, but Prenn was too sharp SEMI-FINALS: W Boone bt R S Crawley 15-12 15-4, 15-10, J A N Prenn bt J S Male 15-7, 17-14, 15-8

SQUASH RACKETS
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(Jettenbyr Khan (Pak) bt G Brumbr (Aus) 9-0-9
5, 9-2: M Szad (Egypt) bt 5 Davenport (N.) 9-4
4-9, 9-4-9-0-2-0 C Ditmer (Aust) bt k Smith (Aust)
9-1, 7-9, 9-0, 5-9, 9-2.

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BÒXING

McGuigan tunes up for date with Ruan

Barry McGuigan, looking lean fast and fram looking forward to and hungry, boxed five impressive seeing tarm in real action against rounds in Belfast yesterday, in his Ruan. inal public work-out before the defence of his British and European featherweight titles against Clydo Ruan, of Slough, as the Ulster Hall on Wednesday (Gerorge Ace writes).

Gerald Hayes, of New Jersey, and Andreas Tenna, of New York were McGuigan's sparring partners. Hayes boasts a win over the former world champion, Juan Laporie, and tas shared a ring in defeat with the urrent champion. Juan Laporie, and the shared a ring in defeat with the urrent champion.

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OTBALL:

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Skerrett may make a comeback Garry Clark, the Hull Kingston

Rovers winger, and Shaun Wane, the Wigan prop, are fif to play with Great Britain's under-21 team in the return match against France at Albi on Sünday. They have satisfied officials about their fitness after injury and will team up with the British squad

'A problem for the British coach is the appearance of Andy Platt, the St Helen's forward, before a dicipli-nary committee in Leeds today after being sent off in a game earlier this month. If Plant is suspended he will miss the trip to France. + ---

when they report for final training at

I revor Skerrett, the Hull prop forward, who was pamed captain of Great Britain's summer tour to Abstralia but withdrew with knee frouble, may come back before the and of the year.

An operation has revealed no

onths ago.

Skerrett recovered to return for full, but broke down again two

- IN BRIEF Call to ban world's top two after drug fines

Federation to consider banning two leading Soviet: weightlifters who were fined after being arrested for having more than Can\$10,000 (£5,700) worth of anabolic steroids in their possession.....

The super-heavyweights, Anatoly Pisarenko, the world champion, and Alexander Kurlovich, were stopped by Montreal airport customs last Thursday and fined Can\$300 and Cana 500 respectively in court the ollowing day. _ _ _ They were accused of having the drugs to sell although a spokesman for the Canadian Foreign Ministry said Soviet officials told them the

products were solely for the two. men's own use: STVIMMING: Katharine Read, who represented Britain in the 200 metres backstroke at the Los Angeles Olympics, has pulled out of the British squad for the European Cup short-course meeting at Bergen this weekend. Cathy White will take

CROSS-COUNTRY: Tim Hutchngs (Crawley) and Dave Clarke Hercules Wimbledon) are in the cartilage or ligament damage and he hopes to get the all-clear from a specialist next week.

her place

Toronto (AFP) - The Canadian
Sports Minister, Otto Jelinek, wants
the International Weightlifting found quickly, will go ahead with their home game against Doncaster on Saturday with the supporters club as promoters. MOTOR SPORT: Scots scooped

the pool in the annual Howitt Printing driver and rider of the year awards, based on performances at Donington Park. Johnny Dumfries. the British Formula Three champion, was top driver and Donnie McLeod top rider. BOXING: James Shuler, the leading challenger to Marvin Hagler, the World Boxing Association middle-weight champion, will meet alfother American. James Kinchen, in Adlantic City on February 16:

over George Chaplin in Phoenia. Arizona, last week was a financial washout, Only 4,659 paid to see it and the promoters lost \$250,000. ICE SKATING: Paced by Ekaterine Gordeeva and Serget Grinkov, the Soviet Union made a clean sweep of the pairs event at the 1985 world junior figure skating championships. at Colarado Springs. Second to them
in the short programme were irina
Mironenko and Dmitri Shkidchenko and third Elena Gud and

TENNIS

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Bonder (US), by E lonce (Jap.), 6-4, 6-1, Second
nound: B Potter (US), by E B Bunge (WG), 6-3, 6-7, 5-3; C Lehdqvist (Swe), bt L Antionopolic
(US), 6-4, 7-5; G Farnandez (P Rico), bt V
Ruzici (Rom), 8-7, 6-1-8-1; C Bassett (Can), bt C
Tarnier (Fra), 7-5, 6-3,
SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men's
Singles, second round: H Plister (US), bt T
Mayotte (Us), 4-8, 7-6, 7-5; W Messur (Aus), bt E
Edwards (A), 4-0, retired, B Tastermen (US), bt C
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C van Rensburg (SA), 7-6, 6-3; A Custem (SA), bt D Keresce (WG), 8-4, 8-4; d Piccolecada (Aus), bt S Simonsson (Swe), 6-2; 6-1, S Cleammanne (US), bt J Lloyd (625), 5-2, 6-1; T Caln (US), bt M
Bautr (US), 6-4, 7-6, 1-2, redword, (Aus), bt B
Groydt (F), 6-3, 3-6, 5-4; P Doobnan (Aus), bt M
Medr (C2), 6-3, 7-5; M Davis (US), bt K
Marwerk (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 1-2, redword, S-9, red (Jar), bt S Simonsson (US), 6-4, 7-6, 1-7, redword, S-9, red (Jar), bt S Simonsson (US), 6-4, 7-6, 1-7, redword, S-9, red (Jar), bt S Simonsson (US), 6-4, 7-6, 1-7, redword, S-9, red (Jar), bt S Simonsson (US), 6-4, 8-2, 7-7, 8-7, 7-8, Portician (Jar), bt S Simonsson (US), 6-4, 8-2, 7-7, 8-7, 7-8, PANTATTON, Froridae Sumahifie Cup (umder-18e); Mest'a singles, second round: A Jenssen
Nach (Jar), 4-6, 4-6, 4-7, Propora (Jar), Mest'a singles, second round: A Jenssen PLANTATION, Florida: Sumakine Cup (under-las): Merir singles, Becomd rounds A. Jerssen (Nor) bt S. Cole-(GS), 5-4, 6-4; P. Moore (GS); bt A. Haseth (Nor), 6-3, 6-1. Heer's doubles, second range Mobre and Cole by Jerusen and Jeseth, 7-5, 6-1. SYTA: RANGUNGS: 1, 44 Newretions (US); 2, C Everett (US); 3, P. Stahrer (US); 4, H. Mandilliova (Cd); 5 W. Tumbat (Aus); 6, R. Sukovis (Cd; 7, K. Jondon (US); 10, M. Mateever (Bul).

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ICE HOCKEY

FOR THE RECORD

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1, Gredit Agricolo (F.), 1,747 miles from Santo
Domingo: 2, Fleury Michon (F.), 1,752, 3,
Cherneth Maritime (F.), 1,765, 4, Royale (F.),
1,959; 5, Formule Jag (Cen), 2,026, British
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RUGBY UNION : CLUB MATCHES Exeter 13, Clifton 10; Newport 19, Aberauon 29 SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chartern House 6, Kent Cotege 3, Marrborough 10; Chanalmond 15; Hill Hd 24, Armidale (Australia) 0; Washington HS-10; Maldstone 6S 7 HS-10 Makistoria 6S 7
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 8, Hampshire 15. School: MATCHES: Scottish Districts XV 3, New Zeslanders 48, Tonbridge 7, Glerelmond

FOOTBALL . SINGAPORE: Asian Cup finate: Group A: Saudi Arabia 1, Kuwan D. Group B: China 5, United Arab Emerales D. BADMINTON KUALA LUMPUR: Grand Pris. champlenship finals: Wemen: Schup One: H Troks (SIS) bt C Megnuscon (Swell, 17.0, 11-5, Group Two: Hen Apring (Ch) bt K Beckman (GB), 11-1, 11-2.

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City Kings 121, San Antonio Spura 120,
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122, Los Angeles Cippers 116, Golden State
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Warriors 104. National Tropky:Quarter-finals: Sandwell Mad 112, Glucodin Plymouth

EUROPEAN CLIP WINNER'S CUP; Quarter figures; Men; Happel Tel Aviv 96. FG Barcelon

McCain can grab some glory again with Kumbi

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

for his exploits with that legendary equine character Red Rum, has a good chance of grabbing some of the limelight again today at Haydock Park by saddling Kumbi, to win the Burnley Handicap Chase.

A winner of his first two races this season, at Ludlow and Bangor, Kumbi was then sent to Newbury in October to try to land the treble. He would have succeeded, in my opinion, had he not misjudged the second-last fence so badly that his rider had no chance of staying aboard.

The next time that Kumbi was seen in public was again on the Berkshire course where he finished a creditable fifth on the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. To say that he will not be encountering such stiff opposition today would be under-stating the situation. However, he will still have to be at his best to beat the recent Market Rasen

winner. Kudos.
Earlier in the day The
Liquidator, who was bought by
Martin Pipe and Bob Wheatley this autumn as a replacement for their good jumper Baron Blakeney, quite possibly be-cause he is a half brother to that horse, can win the Hindley Green Novices' Hurdle, There was much to like about the way that The Liquidator began his jumping career with a fluent Tree Handicap Chase

Donald McCain, best known victory at Hereford last week, and he is preferred now to Chipped Metal, Francis Lee, who enjoyed

many a happy moment not far from Haydock playing for Bolton and Manchester City, will deliver comparable pleasure if he wins the Golborne Novices' Hurdle with Miramac, whom he also trains. When in the care of Michael Jarvis, the Newmarket flat trainer, this half-brother to the Coronation Cup winnetr, Easter Sun, showed sufficient ability to indicate that he could make his

mark at the winter game.
In napping Kilsyth to win the Christmas Cake Handicap Hurdle at Southwell, I am banking on David Burchell's five-year-old enjoying better luck than the last time she was sent on the long journey from Ebbw Vale tot the Nottinghamshire course. On that occasion Kilsyth ran out after her bridle has broken fairly early on. In the meantime she has shown good form at Newton Abbot,

Teenage Love, a half brother to the good cahser Bronco II. will have a chance of winning the Christmas Party Con-ditional Jockeys Novice Hurdle if he has improved since his quite promising run at Catterick while Kevinsfort, from Jimmy FitzGerald's stable, looks the one to be on for the Christmas

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Cheltenham prize-money soars A record £443,500 will be offered National Hunt in Britian. An

HAYDOCK PARK

1.0 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICE HURDLE (£1,212: 2m) (13 runners)

1983: Corporal Clinger 4-11-0 P Leach (4-1) M Pipe 19 ran. 7-4 The Liquidstor, 4 Crisp And Keen, 5 Chipped Metal, 6 Gilded Chief, 10 Vallant Wood, 12 a Sweet, Tarqogan's Best, 20 others.

FORM: THE LIQUIDATOR (11-0) beat Al Trui (11-0) at Hereford (2m hdie, 21,692, soft, Dec 4, 16 ren). CRISP AND KEEN (10-5) beat Al Trui (11-0) at Hereford (2m hdie, 2511, good, Nov 23, 15 ran), when MERCHANT FRUTERER (11-2) shways bethed in 11th. CRIPPED BETAL (10-7) 31 and 02 31 to Joy Rida (10-13) at Nottinghem (2m hdie, 2744, good, Dec 3, CELDED CHISP 11-05 71 2nd of 18 to Methagen (12-0) in Sedgefield smalteurs now hdie (2m, 2548, soft, Nov 20), RAGGEES (3RL (10-9) 81 2nd of 8 to Cameades (11-5) at Newcastle (2m hdie, 2766, heavy, Dec 1). Selection: THE LIQUIDATOR.

Havdock selections

By Mandarin

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15-8 Von Trappe, 5-2 Jocksmbel, 4 Golden Knolt, 6 Inkling, 8 Coot Magio, 16 others.

FORM: JOCKAMBEL (11-8) best Zennandra (10-9) 7/ at Wetherby (3m ch, £1,885, soft, Nov 27), with BRUING (11-0) 11/4 sway 3rd. MRUING, iast time, best Northern Bay (11-4) 11 at Udouster (3m 21 ch, £2,481, good to soft, Dec 8, 12 ran), with RILL GREEN (10-11) 18, away 4th. GOLDEN KNOLL (11-0) best Upham Kelly (11-0) neck at Leleaster (3m ch, £1,285, good, Dec 4, 19 ran).

COOL MAGIC, behand when fell in Newcastle race won by Jimbrook, previously (11-13) 15 2nd of 5 finishers to Magnition Man (11-5) at Ayr (3m ch, £1,155, soft, Nov 23), ROMG'S BRIG (10-10) 18 2nd of 5 finishers to Big Brown Bear (11-4) at Wolverhampton (3m ch, £1,713, good, Nov 25), VON TRAPPE, makes chasing debut (10-11) best Run Lesh Run (11-6) 3t at Warwick (2m 5f Inde, £2,275, good, Nov 17).

Selection: GOLDEN KNOLL

2.0 BEECHES FARM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HUR-

1983: Bold Stusion 5-70-8 G Evans (5-1) M Editory 17 ran. 9-4 Shaw Brow, 11-4 Tot, 9-2 Spotsylvania, 6 Lor Moss, 8 Byton Streaker, 10 Prinor Reviewer, 20 others.

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FORM: LOR MOSS, (10-12) 17th of 21 to Ensigns Kit (10-12) at Lakcester, previously (10-5) 24.5th to Pacifists (11-5) oner course and distance (21,754, good to soft Nov 21, 9 miles (1840) 80000 (10-12) 150 A Sum Row (10-5) here with BARTON CROSS, (10-7) 12th (2m 41 hds. 5279, soft, Nov 22, 16 ram). RAPID LAD, (10-9) 18th to Morning Line (11-4) at Hareford, carrier (10-4) 18 5th

SOUTHWELL

GOING: Good to soft (hurdles), soft (chase). 12.45 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE CHASE (£712: 3m 110yd) (14

1963: Div I: See Spitch 7-10-9 M Brennan (4-1) O Brennen 8 tan. Div II: Just For The Crack 5-11-0 A Webber (5-4) K Balley 9 tan.

11-4 Covent Garcien, 7-2 Mighty Run, 5 Seven Acres, First Award, 6 Gold Epee, 10 Bay Forset, 12 Abo Ace, 16 others.

Southwell Selections

By Mandarin
12.45 Covent Garden, 1.15 Sedge, 1.45 Kevinsfort, 2.15 Teenage Love, 2.45

1965: Cut'N Dry 11-5 S McNell (1-2 fav) R Johnson 11 ran.

1.45 CHRISTMAS TREE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,384: 2m 74yd) (10).

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1.15 CHRISTMAS BOX SELLING HURDLE (3-y-o: 2589: 2m) (13).

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OND RAFPLES TOWER (Mrs.) Curson) J Scalinn 10-12

ON TORSKI (S Leatharth III W Eastarby 10-12

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Sir Gordon, 3.15 KILSYTH (nap).

By Michael Seely

1.45 KEVINSFORT (nap). 3.15 Kilsyth.

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UNCODBYRGH (M Saveris) Mrs P Stevens 6-10-10
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RAY PORREST (E Clarks) Mrs E Kenner 6-10-5
PRIST AWARD (W Harrison-Akan) P Dugghts 6-10-5
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as added prize money for the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham next March. This represents an increase of more than 8 per cent, or

nadditional £14,000 will be provided by sponsors, £18,000 by the Steeplechase Company and £1,500 by the Levy Board. The value of the Tote Cheltenham
At an average in excess of £24,600
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680,000 and the Waterford Crystal
Champion Hurdle to £57,000.

Tote double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30, 3.30.

1.0 The Liquidator, 1.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Kudos.

DLE (£1,147: 2m) (11)

1.30 BIRKDALE NOVICE CHASE (£2,317: 3m) (7)

430-000 LOR MOSS (D) (A Leighton) A Leighton 4-11-7

1430-00 SHAW BROW (D) (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 4-11-6

9(90-00 RAPPD LAD (D) (S Borsbarry) Spearing 6-11-1

101 (D) (T Gledson) Denys Smith 4-11-0

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240-p0 PRINCE REVIEWER (L Zochorief) A Wants 6-10-17

/POD-0 SARTON CROSS (A Watson) A Watson 10-10-7

p00-00 GOLDEN LEICESTER (P Wighard) P Wigham 5-10-7

200-000 SPONSORED WALK (G Newman) S Shaw 7-10-7

Oates, 3.30 Miramac.

O'Neill returns to the fray

By Michael Seely John O'Neill will resume riding

on Atkinsons in the 3.30 race at on Atkinsons in the 3.30 race at Haydock this afternoon. The 32-year-old former champion has had two setbacks this season, on the first occasion having dislocated his hip at Chepstow on October 6. More recently he broke his left arm in a fall from Goosey Gander at Wetherby on November 2, so he has been out of article for a season for a season for the season for th Wetherby on November 2, so he has been out of action for six weeks during his latest spell of inactivity.

"I have had a plate put in the arm and I hope to be passed fit by the Haydock doctor". Britain's bravest and most resilient jockey said. "I've been riding quite a lot of work recently and I've also had four days hunting with the Cumberland Farmers. I've got three booked mounts in the next three afternoons, at Haydock tomorrow and at

at Haydock tomorrow and at at Haydock tomorrow and at Doneaster on Friday and Saturday. So I will be glad of any spares that are going." Haydock was the course on which O'Neill recorded the fastest century ever achieved by a jockey in a season in February, 1978, although John Francome reached this notable landmark in a quicker time last season.

At Haydock vesterday Mercy

quicker time last season.

At Haydock yesterday Mercy Rimell won the day's big race, the Tommy Whittle Chase, when Sam Morshead rode Gaye Chance to a hard-fought length victory over Forgive N' Forget, A Kinsman finished seven lengths away in third place.

Even the cool and immaculate
Mrs Rimeli had tears in her eyes
after this enthralling struggle. "He's
quite simply one of the bravest
horses I have ever known, she said
afterwards. "He might run again
over fences in the Mandarin Chase
at Mandarin the bis merit states." at Newbury, but his main target will be an attempt to win the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham for the second successive

What a compliment did yester day's winner pay to Burrough Hill Lad, who gave Gaye Chance 181b and a four-lengths beating in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Mrs Rimell then said that the. blood count of Gaye Chance's full

Gaye Chance, a winner at Haydock yesterday, has the

Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle as his main objective

his back at all, you can quote me categorically on that", she con-tinued. "He must have a virus of some sort. Whether he'll recover in time for the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton I can't possibly say. But he'll be back for certain. We might go for the race he won at Hereford last year."

Similarly, Jimmy Fitzgerald was thrilled with the running of Forgive N' Forget, who in finishing second here decisively reversed last season's Sun Alliance Chase placings with A kinemen.

John Brockbank was also pleased with A Kinsman's performance "Geordie Dunn said the horse could not go the pace in the last half mile", the Cumbrian farmer said. "He needs a strongly run race and a real test of stamina. I'm very tempted to go for the Welsh National

Other news about Chepstow's marathon concerns Earl's Brig, who has twice unseated Peter Craggs

brother, Gaye Brief, had been found to be out of order after his Newcastle. William Hamilton, the disappointing defeat by Browne's hunter chaser's owner-trainer, has Gazette at Chehtenham last Saturday. There's nothing wrong with his lede at all you can count with his lede at all you can count with his 200 pages at Chestony on his 200 pages at Chestony on his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at Chestony of the country with his 200 pages at the country with his 20 his 20 races at Chepstow on December 22, Corals, the sponsors, make Earl's Brig a 10-1 chance and are prepared to offer 16-1 against A insman. Morshead went on to ride his

second winner of the afternoon when Joe Colombo proved too good for the penalized Golden Friend in the, Boston Pit Handicap Chase. Peter Scudamore also landed a double by capturing the Ribble Novices Chase on Very Promising for David Nicholson and the Waterloo Handicap Hurdle on Triple Jump for Graham Thorner.

The other feature of the afternoon

Triple Jump for Graham Thorner.
The other feature of the afternoon was a 103-i double by Dai Burchell, a redundant steel worker from Ebbw Vale. Nigel Coleman rode both Bold Roderick, who finished strongly to foil the odds of 2-1 laid on Inisharran in the Ashton Novices' Hurdle. "We've been suffering from seconditis recently", a triumphant Burchell said, "But we'll be able to fill the Christmas stockings now."

to Dempler (10-0) at Tauraton (2m 11 bole, 21,470, acrt, Nov 22, 19 ram). TOT, (11-8) 121 5th to talay Max (10-6) sort, at Ayr, earlier (10-0) 1 %; runner-up to Hateras (10-2) at Cartmel, STAR ALLIANCE (10-4) back in 10th (2m 11 hole, 21,766, good, Sept 15, 18 ram).

Havdock results

Haydock results

1.0 (2m hde) 1, Bold Roderick (N colomes, 12-1); 2, Starrabot (Mr D Swinderharrst, 10-1); 3, Stoame Street (M Peoper, 20-1); 4, Gold Floer (3 Davies, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 law Bowte Boy (p)u, 5-2 The Beginning Bitl., 14 Bristol Blus., 16 Hercustency, Savern Sound (fee), 20 Church Hall (p)u, Dittle Ginger (6th), Gela Lad, Kings Town, Messure Up., Gradwood, Forest Lodge, Charning Girl, McSenan, 18 ran. 4, 8, 8, 3, 5, 5. D Burchel at Ebbw Veie. Toire, 59.20; 51,30, 23.20, 59,50, 214,60, Der. 290,90, CSP: 2108,00. Theast: 22,117,12.

1.39 (2m of ch) 1, VERY PROMISSING (P Scudernors, 8-11 fav); 2, Comering (A Brown, 14-4); 3, Barryphilips Disco (P Tuck, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Gesta An Usce (4th), 14 Mr Denetop (5th), 25 Hy Tab (5th), 33 Gambling Abbot (fel), Mount St Merrys, 8 ran. 6, sh hd, 4, 15, 8, L D Nichotson et Stow on the Wold, 10 tex; 21,50, 21,10, 21,10, 22,40. Dr. 22,20. CSP: 23,51.

20 (3m) ch 1, GAYE CHANCE (S Morafteed.

2.0 (Sm ch) 1. GAYE CHANCE (S Morsheed, 7-4 fav); 2. Feeples Nº Feeper (M Dayer, 3-1); 3. A favestes (? G Dun, 15-9), ALSO RAN: 11 Scot Lars (Hill), 33 Armsynate Princess (Sh); 50 Grey Werbler (hill), 57 an. 11, 71, 41, 81, Mrs M Rined at Savern Stolia. Tota: 52-40, 51-20, 52-20, DP: 24-10, CSP: 52-58.

2.00 (2m 4f hole) 1. TRPLE JUNP [P Scudence, 12-1]; 2 Oregon Trail (Mr T Thomson Jones, 5-1); 3. Crimeon Knight (J Frost, 20-1), ALSO RANG 7-2 tev Asia Altror, 11-2 Corporal Clarger (5th), 6 Cornedy Fair (6th), Princrice Wood, 10 Mayham (4th), 16 High Ridge, Pairick's Feir, Ryecroft, 20 Simbad, 33 Lewis Homes, Uncusrded, 14 res NR: Commonly. 4, 31, 11, 51. G Thorner at Wantings. TOTE \$22.10; \$2.40, \$1.70, \$8.90. DF: \$54.20. CSF: \$71.88. TRICAST: \$1,119.37. or: Emilia Cort L/ Les. THICAST: £1,119.37.

20 (2m c h) 1, 40 COLONBO (5 Morshaud, 9-4); 2, Golden Friend (R Linley, 11-8 tay); 3, Fary Boy (P Scatismore, 8-1). ALSO RAM: 7-2 Artinarval (felt). 4 rat. 5, 2 Vil. Mrs W Sykes at Bishops Custle. TOTE: £3.00. DF: £2.20, CSP: £5.26.

25.26 (2m 4f hole) 1, CASSIO LIL (N Colemen, 7-1); 2, Insthurram (S Moraheed, 1-2 fav); 3, Whatis What (P Scudemore, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 8 Strands of Gold, 16 Seatell, 20 Texten Triumph, 25 Royel Laser, 33 Karnet Siddiq, 50 Bactico, Breesy Gian, Lucky Fen, More For England, Winternesse, Winter Soversign, 14 Fan, NF: Bishoos Royel, Candy Man, 71, 74, D Burchell at Ebbw Vele, TOTE 27.90; 21.70, 21.20, 21.20, 21

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12.45 (2m hde) 1, CALMACUTTER (R
Amort, 9-2 | 1-4n/; 2, Bahrain Pearis (M Bowlby,
20-1); 3, Lee Bencer (G Old, 33-1). ALSO RAV.
9-2 | 1-kev Little 'Compo, 5 Vaioroso, 7
Vagasond Victor, 8 Top Sold (4th), 9 Mosculto
River (8th), Susmarcove (f), 12 High Bern,
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7-2; 2, Seathers Bird (J Aleshuret, 12-1); 3,
Postdyne (P Clavet, 20-1), ALSO RAN 2 fav
Moart Harvard (bd.), 5 Sarrhedrin (B), 6 Perfuspe
Lucky (B, Pierohi (bfth), 10 Midsummer Special
(B), 12 Wordconste (45h, 20 Barrgil (5th, 25 The
Royal Comris (B, 50 Bucks Green (B, Celtic
Way, Chevrox Bus. (p/u), Grange Minstral
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1.46 (3m holis) 1, PELION (S Smith Eccles, 6-1); 2. Wye Les (P Berton, 4-1 h-lav); 3, Righen Beass (A Webber, 7-1). ALSO RANK 4 f-fav Righton Beass (A Webber, 7-1). ALSO RANK 4 f-fav Righton Beass, 7 Mend 14 (Seit), 8 Alfie Dickins (4th), Anlaus, 9 A. T. S. Princa. 12 Staggarers Ledy, 14 Route March (Sth), 16 Zbarnb, 33. Colwey Boy, Gold Casta. 13 ran. NPt Toyco. 8, 11, 5, 12, J. S. King at Swindon. 1071E 512.90, 55.90, 52.80, 52.80. CSF 522.58. Tricast 5167.79.

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2.45 (2m ch) 1, PMI, NOTRI (P GROUCHS, 11-4 fint); 2, Karry Jack (N Fearn, 109.30); 3, Hepsital Answer (J uggian, 4-1). ALSO RANE 11-2 Ton Bears, 9 Doll Lare (8th), 10 Ring Lou (4th), 14 Smiling Caveller, 20 Templer, 16th, 50 Notice, Dan Dasps, 10 ran, 9:1, 7:1, 8, 9; 11. D (2010), 17. D. 17.0. DP. 25.50. CSP. 21.20. TRICAST: 222.83. Keny Jack in 14, web Philonoms 2nd following an objection by the second to the wisner, and after a Stansards Inguly, the first two places were reversed.

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At-home guide to languages

The only way to learn a language is by going to the country, and living there". I was told by one teacher of 12 years' experience. Most of his colleagues broadly agree, but unfortunately this is not always a practical or possible method. Businessmen are in a particularly invidious position in this respect since, while the requirement for additional languages becomes more urgent, they have less and less time in which to hensive system which combines a learn them, and a year's sabbatical to number of hours of individual tuition ground for less than reputation, less true now, of being a happy hunting ground for less than reputation them. learn Mandarin or Urdu is usually out

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There are many options open to the busy executive. For the majority a crash course of individual tuition followed by frequent use of the language (it's important to keep practising) seems to work best Companies like Linguarama, Language Studies Limited and The Executive Language Centre cater for this market. All these schools, using the famous "Berlitz" inspired "direct method" (only the target language is used during tuition) stress the need for a knowledge of the grammar and structure of the language although this is usually very informally taught.

All stress that the language learning process is highly personal, and structure their courses around the individual. individual.

In contrast to Linguarama, and Language Studies Limited, The Executive Language Centre is a small school set up nine years ago and now run by Mrs Arend-Osborn, an enterprising Frenchwoman and originally herself a language teacher. They never have more than 10 students.

Direct method pack

process takes longer. John Burkitt of Linguarama strongly advises husbands and wives against learning together. Apparently familiarity breeds, if not contempt, then at least a lack of the polite patience of

comparative strangers. Of the three schools only Language Studies uses Video as a teaching aid, and other aids used depend to a large extent on the teacher (or teachers, both Linguarama and Language Studies give you a new teacher for the second half of the day). Another company, Stillitron, sells a compre-

Clare Raffael discusses the choices and courses available to

the busy executive who needs to learn another language

with a kind of home learning pack. The Polytechnic of the South Bank. This consists of a set of cassettes and has an impressive four stage method an illustrated "direct method" publi-cation which is used in conjunction cassettes, a micro computer and with a "world-patented, nickel-plated, individual sessions with a tutor. For printed-circuit response analyser."

This is actually quite a simple and teaching himself with the help of effective device which enables you to go through the multiple-choice questions in the book without having to go through the awkward business of Curiously, none of the commercial looking up the answers, and as many times as you need. The gadget flashes alarmingly red for a wrong answer and green for a correct one. The home learning pack alone costs £390. Individual tuition costs vary dramati-cally from school to school and it really is worth shopping around with an eye to cost as well as suitability.

Group learning is a cheaper alternative. It may be less convenient and slow learners can hold up a group, but it does introduce an additional competitive motivation and gives the student a standard against which to measure his progress. The BOL 450 beginners residential courses run by the London Chamber of Commerce are a good example. They are based on a teaching technique first devel-oped by Professor Boland putting the day, any more is self-defeating Mrs changes of activity to maintain concentration and interest. In six days most students will have picked up a basic vocabulary of 450 words. To be process takes longer to be Revelage. group situation to advantage as much throughout the year and cost £595 exclusive of VAT.

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Some very good courses are run by the Polytechnics at a thoroughly reasonable price. Their credentials are impeccable of course, a point worth noting since the commercial sector of much of the time the student is

Curiously, none of the commercial schools uses micro computers which are an effective aid to learning, particularly for business users. Employed ILEA residents pay £50 for 100 hours attendance taken within a year of enrolment. Unemployed people and pensioners who are resident in the ILEA pay £1.

Tipping the scales

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As executive travel increases, and overseas markets become more competitive, languages as a skill will become more important. It may be becoming easier to manage with English only, but due to this very fact, knowledge of a language will tip the scales in the favour of the job candidate, the salesman or the

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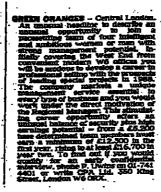
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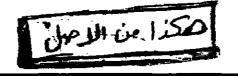
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10:50 Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon, 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only Financial report followed by news headlines with subti

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes Lesire Kenton's guide to positive health. Paul Cois watches the new BBC comedy series The Front Line being made, and Howard Frankin demonstrates how to make the most of Christmas floral decorations 1.45 Fingerbobs 2.00 The Afternoon Show

presented by Penny Junor and Barbara Dickson The programme includes items on munication and holidays in the sun for pensioners Plus a profile of retired trade union leader, Jack Jones 2.40 Beauty is in the Eye. A Srl Lankan girl prepares for her

wedding (r). 2.50 War at Sea. The story of the Battle of the Atlantic (r), 3.40 Cartoon, 3.48 Regional news frot bondon). 3.50 Play School, presented by

Carol Leader 4.10 SuperTed. 4.15 Jacksnery. David Bax reads part four of the Cybil War 4.30 Laurel and Hardy. 4.35 Screen Test. Competitors from Argyll and Cornwell in the final of the cinematic recall contest, introduced by Mark Curry 4.55 John Craven's stround, 5.05 Blue Peter

introduces a baby great palm cockatoo that is incredibly ugly (Ceefax) 5.30 Henry's Cat. 5.35 Grange Hill. Episode 15 (r) (Ceefax) 5.58 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Landon Plus.

bicycle tyre that will never go 7.20 Top of the Pops presented by Peter Powell and Steve Wright 8.00 The Front Line. Comedy... series about a Rastafarian and

6.55 Tomorrow's World includes a

demonstration of a new

his half-brother who, tonight, tells him of his intention of joining the police force. 6.30 Zoo 2000. Are national parks anything more than big zoos? Jeremy Cherias investigates (Cestax) (see Choice).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville. 9.25 Starsky and Hutch. Part one of the two-episode. The Set-Up. in which a seemingly stalwart crizzen and his pregnant wife are the victims of an assassination attempt that leaves the write dead (r) mart two tomorrow right). Question Time: Sir Robin

Day s panel consists of John Moore, Diena Warwick, Jeff Rooker and Jeremy Bullmore. 11 15 International Show Jumping. The Modern Alarms Turkey Stakes from the Grand Half. Olympia.

12.05 Weather. 12.10 Newsright By-Election Special. Analysis of the Enfield Southgate result. Ends approximately 1.15:

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Arme Diamond and Nick Ower. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00: sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, Lynsey de Pjul, Ted Rogers and Mary Quent, from 6.45; exercises at 5.45 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Julian Lennon pop video at 7.54; film reviews at 8.34; ideas for Christmas decorations at 8.47; Pustle Lee at a market selecting Christmas bargains at 9.06.

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9.25 Thames neves headlines: 9.30 For Schools: History - the Red Tsar. 9.50 Junior Maths: tollowing the paths of moving objects. 10.07 Tomorrow's People 10.24 Physics: domestic electricity 10.46 Physics: radioactivity 11.08

11.25 Heggerty Heggerty. George Cole with another story about the mendy witch, 11.35 122. Fun and games and pop music, presented by Alastair Pirne and Zoe Brown. 12.00 Buttercup Buskers.

Adventures of a troupe of small animals, 12.10 Moone and Co with guest Kenny Lynch, 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One, 1.20 Themes 1.30 Felcon Crest. Drama the struggle 1 serial about the struggle for control of a Californian wine

business. Staming Jane Wyman: 2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a tter of topical importance. 3.00 University Challenge. University of St Andrews

against Trinity College, Dublin, 3.25 Thames news headlines, 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Buttercup Buskers, A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.20 Stanley Bagshaw. Adventures of a boy who lives with his grandmother in a Yorkshire town.

4.30 First Post. Sue Robbie with another selection of viewers' letters about ITV's children's programmes. 4.45 Murphy's Mob 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.20 Themes Sport presented by Stave Rider who chooses his favourite sporting moments of 1984 which include Torvill and Dean winning the World Ice Dance Chambionship in Ottawa; and Nick Faldo winning Britain's first golfing title in the United States for more than a decade. 6:40 Crossroads.

7.00 Knight Rider, Michael Knight and his computerized, talking car. KTT. meet the mdestructible KARR

8.00 Never the Twain, Comedy starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as antiques dealers, this week buying bucket-shop arrine tickets to Genada in order to visit then children. But there is a snag.

8.30 Hotel. Drama series about the staff and quests of the unious St Gregory's Hotel in San Francisco.

9.30 TV Eye: The Young Ones. What is the government doing to help school leavers? Sir lastar Burnet talks to Lord Young the Cabinet member with the brief to create jobs. 10.00 News at Ten followed by

Thames news headling 10.30 Snooker. Dickie Davies is at the Derngate Centre, Northampton, where the defending champions, Steve Davis and Tony Meo, will be playing for a place in the semi-finals of the Holmeister World Doubles Championship.

10.10 Karen Kay. The last programme of the series and the entertainer's guest is 12.15 Night Thoughts from Dr Sheila

singer/songwriter, Gerard Kenny. 10.40 Newspicht. 11.25 Open University: The Effective Manager: Meetings. Ends at 11.55.

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BBC 2

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4.20 Top Salling, Presenter Bob Fisher looks back at the highlights of the programme's five-year history and re-fives a number of memorable events.

4.55 Just Another Gay, John Pitman, in the last of his series about British institutions that

5.25 News summary with subtities

5.30 Sheriden Morley Meets ... Jeffrey Archer, once the youngest MP in the House then almost bankrupt and now

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8.30 Food and Drink presented by

9.00 Entertainment USA, Jonathan

9.30 Forty Minutes: Asylum. A profile of the patients of Poland's Choroszcz Mental

for Christmas.

Choice).

two computer companies as

they strive to develop the bestselling computer game for the Christmas season. Imagine

7.30 Open Space: The Roots of Black Music. The first of two

6.00 Film: Escape to Mindanso

have become part of everyday life, is at Waterloo Station (r).

3.50 The Great Egg Race

9.00 Ceefax.

males the chance of asylum as unpaid) tabourers on farms - the result of an experimental 1930s. form of occupational therapy. Three hundred (out of 1,500 ents) have accepted present patients) have accepted and Starecki follows some of them. But Choroszcz – a sepia historical oversight where time, not content with stapiling still has taken off its with standing still, has taken off its shoes and put its feet up - is itself

CHANNEL 4

World Doubles Championship

Quarterlinal action, introduced by Dickle Davies.

quarterfinal of the fifth series

of the fast-moving words and numbers contest.

5.00 Alice. George Burns makes a

guest appearance at the Phoenix, Arizona, diner but

Vera, his most fervent fan, has

Vera, his most servent ran, has the day off. When she turns up unexpectadly and sees Burns being waited on hand and foot she decides to give up her job in order to devote her life to Burns who she believes is God, effer eacher his film Oh

God, after seeing his film Oh,

legendary bandleader who disappeared 40 years ago this

week on a flight across the Charmel. There are clips from

Miller's films and from home

movies never before shown on

television. Plus contributions

colleagues including Tex Beneke, Marion Hutton and

matter of topical importance is

Malcolm Ryan, chairman of

second and final programme

programme profiled her successor and son, Rajiv. This

evening members of the opposition parties and political

commentations discuss what might happen if Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party falls to be re-elected.

8.30 Basketball Semi-final second

leg matches in the Kellogg's

Cup. Both matches, Kingston v Manchester and Doncaster v

Warrington will be shown live

with cameras switching to one

or other during the 'time-outs'

Moonlighting, starring Jeremy trons. A black comedy about a

group of Polish decorators, led

London, ostensibly to sight see and to do some shopping

by irons, who travel to

renovate the home of a

wealthy countryman. It is December 1981, the time

Poland's military rulers outlawed Solidarity and

11.20 The Wine Program

business (r).

12.20 Closedown.

mposed martial law. Nowak

these developments from his colleagues. Directed by Jerzy Skolimowski (r).

fifth programme of the series returns to Bordeaux;

examines the various ways of

buying wine; and investigates the seamler side of the wine

11.50 Soap. Jessica is held hostage by South American rebels.

(Irons) has to keep news of

9.30 Film on Four - Take 2:

the British Youth Council.

8.00 India - The Alternative. The

on the state of India as it

Gandhi. Yesterday's

efter the assa

prepares to go the the polis

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter

7.50 Comment. With his view of a

Godi several times.

5.30 Glenn Miller: A Moonlight

from his friends and

Johnny Desmond.

Serenade. A tribute to the

2,30 ,Snooker: the Holmeister

4.30 Countdown. The first

llight – is like a painting becoming a play. An intensely memorable work. Who wants to be a millionaire?

an asylum from the urban, food queue, rage and riot Poland of the evening news, Jerzy Zielinski's drenchingly beautiful photography hay carts, dray horses, figures at

CHOICE

The queue must - after 13 weeks of COMMERCIAL BREAKS (BBC2, 8 pm) - be shortening. This week, in The Battle For Santa's Software, how to be an unemployed ex-whizz idd by the age of 23. Itself a bleak parody of a computer fantasy game, the programme follows the struggle for domination of the twere world (worth £30 million in the months before Christmas)

cream, little aftershave) and Ocean (receding halrlines, spreading waists; the grit of experience). The irony of zoologist Jeremy Charles using television to fire poison darts at man's capacity to capture, cage and cull wildlife becomes clear in tonight's ZOO 2000 (BBC1, 8.30 pm). For it is the

between two rival empires -

Imagine (name from a Lennon song; 30-year-old employees

"I'm talking very quietly because there's a dodo just behind me" drama of TV safari footage which draws posses of "vultures" (Charles' word) to go native, in fivestar comfort, where the buffalo roam and where the sky (from their de of the microscopic sights) is not cloudy all day.

Mark Lawson

Hill. (4)
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50
Shipping Forecast; 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Skx O'clock News; Financial Report, 6.30 My Word! A panel game, chaired by Michael O'Donnell (r). 7.00 News, 7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers?
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7.40 The State of the Nation:
England - The Economic
Struggle.
9.00 Does he take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kateldoscope, Arts magazine,
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Mr Facey
Romford's Hounds" by R. S.
Surtees, Abridged in 15 parts,
(14) The Beldon Ball, 10.29

Weather, Travel.

9.00 News.
9.05 Taking Sides. An audience of 150 air their views about an issue which has almost faded from the headlines. (Simultaneous broadcast with BSC 1. Scotland.), 10.00 News; Medicine Now (f).

10.30 Morning Story: "The Ghost and Mr Pugh" by Marian Ververs.

10.45 Daily Service: The Walls of Jericho (NEM, page 118).†

11.00 News; Travel: This Thing Called Love, Laurie Taylor meets the fiseting, and the long-term, permiss — on the road to enlighterment. Weather, 10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.0 News Headlines. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News: Weather 12.33 Shipping

entighterment.

11.26 The Case Against God, Gerald Priestland's inquiry into the existence and character of God in eight parts (7) (r).

12.00 News; You and Yours, Consumer affeirs

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affairs.
12.27 Son of Cliché 1: 12.55 Weather.
1.90 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers; 1.55 Shipping
Forecast. Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes
Annie Alisebrook's camel safari

in Africa. 3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Barbary Angel, by Serah Maxwell, With Blain Fairman, and Cleire Moore. Comedy about a priest in New York whose prayers for help to save a chadren's home is answered in a most unexpected

way. † 4.00 News; Enquire Within, With Neil Story Time: "The Woman in Black". A ghost story by Susan

Radio 4

On long wave, i stereo on VHF. 5.55 Shipping. 8.90 News briefing: Weather. 6.10 J. News briefing: Weather, 6,10 Farming Today, 6,25 Prayer For The Day.

J. Today, including 6,38, 7,30, 8,30 News summary, 6,55, 7,55 Weather, 7,90, 8,90 News, 7,25, 8,25 Thought For The Day; 8,35 Yestenday in Parisament; 8,57 Weather; Travel. 6.30

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today, 6.30-7.20 Star Trek. 8.30-

9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.15-11.45

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Zoo 2000 (BBC-1 8.30pm). 11.45 Join BBC-1 International Snow Jumping. 12.05-12.10em News and weather. Scotland: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scotland: 8.30-8.00 Cause for Concern. 12.05em-12.10 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 inside Utster. 12.05sm-12.10 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C 1.00 Countdown, 1.30 Alice, 2.00 Flatabatam, 2.15 Interval, 2.30 International Snooker, 4.20 Black and White and Read All Over, 4.50

Gwylft. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. 5,00 Brookslos. 5.30 Teulti-Fion. 8.05 Colg. 8.35 Hepnod. News Headlines. 8.05 Performance. 10.35 India: The Crown Prince. 11.05 People to People. 12.00 Alfred Hitchoock presents: The Case of Mr Pelham. 12.25 Close.

TSW As London except: starts 9.25
Sesame Street, 10.25-12.00
Film: Doctor at Sea (Dirk Bogarde.) 1.20
TSW News Headines, 1.30-2.30 The
Love Boat, 5.15. Gus Honeybun's Magic
Birthdays, 5.20-5.45 Crossroeds, 6.00
Today South West, 6.30-7.00 Just Our
Luck, 8.30-9.30 T. J. Hooker, 12.15am
Portershift, 12.20 Westher, Close

Poetscript. 12.20 Weather. Close.

ANGLIA As London except: starts 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Short Story Theatrs. 10.50 Cartoon Time. 11.05 A Story of Tutankhamun. 11.35-12.00 Comic Stories. 1.20 Anglia News. 1.30-2.20 The Champions. 3.25-3.30 Anglia News. 8.00 About Anglia. 8.35-7.00 Crossroada. 10.30 Folio. 11.00 Snooksr. 12.15 Reflection, Cinserteen

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(4), 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11,30 Study on 4; Joining In (5) Sticking Toogsther

7.05 Morrang Concert: Purcell's The Gordian Knot untied (Incidental music); John Thomas's Pensive and Joyous (Sloned Williams. harp); Leclair's Violin Concerto in D Op 10 No 3 (Jarry, violin); Beethoven's Wellington's Victory Op 91.† 8.00 News.

SCOTTISH As London except: starts 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Asian Insights. 10.50 Little House on the Prairie. 11.45-12.00 The

Radio 3

8.05 Morning Concert: part two.
Berber's overture The School for Scandal; Strawinsky's Dumbarton Oaks: Borodin's Symphony No2.t 8.00News.

9.05 This West's Composer: Sibelius.
Partermaness, on record, of The Clementi, Franco Donatoni and Camillo Togni t. 11.00 Plano Trios: Raphaet Tno play Haydn's Trio in Emajor (H XV 28); and Dvorak's Tno in F minor Op Performances, on record, of The Bard Op 84; Luonnotar Op 70; and The Oceanides Op 73 (Valatika, apprano); Six kumoresques for violin and

played by Frankurt Radio SO, with Franturt Kamprei, Ews Podles (contralio) and Fausto

Podles (contraito) and Fausto
Tenzi (tenor).†

10.50 Piano Recital: Alizn Stermield
plays Haydn's Sonata in A flat,
H XVI 46; and Alican's
Symphonic Op 39. Nos 4-7.†

11.40 Two String Serenades: Franz
Liszt Chamber Orchestra (under
Rolla, violin), Part one, Dworak's
Serenade in E.†

12.05 Six Continents foreign carfo.

12.05 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the

12.25 String Serenades: part two. Tchalkovsky's Serenade in C.† 1.00 News. 1.05 Delmé String Quartet: Ravel's

Coverley.†
2.00 The Kiss: Smetana's two-act

4.95 L'Ecloie d'Orphée: Leclair's Première recréation de musik

Auto L Ectors of Orphaet: Lectors of Premiser recreation de musique Op 6 for two violins and continua Locatel's Flute Sonata in 6 maj Op 2 No 10; Tartini's Trio-Sonat No 8 in C major for flute, violin and continue, 14.55 News.

5.00 Mainty for Pleasure: another of Geoffrey Norris's selections of music.

Dowly Band play Gordon Langford's Prefude and Fugua; Thomas Wilson's Canbons; and

Butterworth's Three impressions

Chopin works including the Scherzo No 3 in C Sharp minor; and Brahm's Variations and

Op 19: Beethoven's Plano
Concerto No 2: Geraid
Abraham's Symphony No 8 f.
Dallapiccola's 50th: Peter
Cropper (violin) and Peter Hill
(plano). Dallapiccola's Tartiniana
seconda: Douglas Young's Song
Without Words (in Memoriam
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7.00 Barry Douglas: plano recital.

Brig Statism's Variaboris and Fugue on a theme of Handel. 8.00 Ulster Orchestra (under Howard Williams). With Christian Blackshaw (piano). Cherubini's Concert Overture No 2 in B flat, Op 19: Seethoven's Piano

Due studie, 1947 f. 10.00 Music in Our Time: David

Quartat in F. Bridge's Three Novelleten, 1904; Sir Roger de

The Kiss: Smertana's two-act opera. Sung in Czech. With Bmo Janacek Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Zdanek Janovsky. With Leo Marian Vodicka and Eva Depolitova. Act

wo at 3.10, with interval reading

ws. Until 12.00. 11.57 Ne MF (medium wave) as VHF above except: 7.05-11.15 am Cricket: Second Test, India v England – commentary from Deini on the afternoon's play on orchestra, Op 87 Nos 1 and 2: Op 89 Nos 1-4 (Homes/Berlin RSO under Handley): 18.80 Scriebin's First Symphony: the second day.

Radio 2

4.00em Colin Berry,† 5.30 Ray Moore,† 7.30 Terry Wogan,† 10.00 Jimmy Young,† 12.00pm Steve Jones,† 1.05 Sports Desk, 2.00 Gloria Hunniford,† Young 1 12.00pm Stave Jones. 1 Tue Sports Deak. 2.00 Gloria Hurnistord 1 3.30 Musec All The Way 1 4.00 David Hamilton 1 6.00 John Darin Including 5.30 The Fosdyke Sags (22). 8.45 Sport and Cassified Resums (mf only). 8.00 Wally Whyton (Earl Thomas Conley and — The Judds in concert and Country Club). 9.55 Sports Deak 10.00 Radio Active with Helen Atkinson Wood and Angus Deayton. 16.30 Star Sound Extra. Anne Baxter talks 10 Majone Bilbow. 11.00 Baxter talks to Majone Babow. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight Istereo from midnighth 1.00am Bill Rennels presents Nighthide 13.00-4.00 Adolphus (Doc) Cheatham plays trumpet with The International All Stars 1

Radio 1

6.00em Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates 12.00pm Gary Davie's including, 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Simon Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long.? 10.00-12.00em Into the Music? VIIF Radios 1 & 2 4.00em With Radio 2 10.00pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00em With Radio 2 With Radio 2

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Holiday Time. 9.28 Sesame
Street, 10.25 The Groovie Ghoulles. Juny 11.25 Mr Magno. 11.30 Mga. o Jenny 11.25 Mr Magno. 11.30 12.00 The Hedgehog. 1.20 TVS News. 1.30-1.32 Afternoon Cabb. 3.09 Afternoon Cabb. 3.27 University Challenga. 5.12-5.15 News Headines. 6.09 Coast to Coast, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 8.00-9.30 The Bounder, 12.15am Company.

Country Toll No. 20 The Day Anead Wildiffe. 11.15 Indian Legends of Canada. 11.40-12.00 Kum Kum. 1.20 Lunchthre. 1.30-2.30 Levices Man. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along With Nancy. 6.00 Good Evening Uister. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmendale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never the Twain. 9.00-9.30 The Bounder. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Snooker. 12.18

BORDER As London except: starts 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25-12.00 Film: Doctor at Sea (Dirk Bogarde), 1.28 Border News, 1.30-2.30 Return of the Saint, 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors, 6.00 Lookeround Thursday, 6.35 Crossreads, 7.00 Emmerdale Farm, 7.30 Knight Rider, 8.30 Never the Twain, 9.00 The Bounder, 12.15em News summary, 4.4.45 Cross HTV WEST As London except starts 9.25 Home Cookery Ctub, 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 The Champions. 11.20 How We Know The Earth Moves 11.30-12.00 Home. 1.20 HTV News 1.30-2.30 A Home: 1.20 HIV News 1.30-2.30 App. Country Practice 8.00 6.35 HTV News 7.00-7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Never the Twain, 9.00-9.30 The Bounder, 10.30 Talk of the West, 11.00 Snooker, 12.15am Weather, close.

House on the Prizne, 17.45-12.00 The Harlern Globerotiers. 1.20 Scottish News. 1.30 Bodylme. 1.35 Country Practice. 2.30-3.00 The Protectors. 6.00 Scottish News and Scotland Today, 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.00 Police Squad. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Report. 17.05 Snooker. 12.15 Late Call. 12.20 Closedown. CENTRAL As London except: Time ... Man. 9.50 A Land, a Man, a God. 10.20-12.00 Film: The Magic Bow (Stewart Granger). 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contract. 1.20 Central News. 1.30-2.30 The Champions. 3.25-3.30 News Headines. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emperials

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain. 9.00-9.30 The Bounder. 12.15em Closedown. ULSTER As London except starts
9.25 The Day Ahead

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Street. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on the Waderness Trail. 10.45 Carbon. 10.55
Great Western. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Levkas Man. 3.25 Granada Reports. 1.30 Levkas Man. 3.25 Granada Reports. 1.30 Levkas Man. 3.25 Granada Reports. 1.30 This is Your Right. 6.05
Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain. 9.09-9.30 The Bounder. 12.15am Closedown. Counterpoint, 11,00 Snooker, 12.10 News.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN † Stereo. * Black and white. (r) Repeat YORKSHIRE As London except starts 9.25 Weather followed by Sesame Street 10.25 Country Rhapsody 10.35 The Adventures of Guliwer 11.00-12.00 Christmas at Pops. 12.30-1.00 Calendar Thursday, 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30-2.30 The Love Boat 6.00 Calender 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Kright Rider. 8.30 Never The Twain 9.00-8.30 The Bounder 12.15 Closedown

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TYNE TEES As London except: starts 9.25 North East Naws. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 The Nature of Things. 11.55 The The Nature of Things, 11.55 The Peterborough Country Music Festival 11.35-12.00 Kum Kum. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30-2.30 The Champions, 3.25-3.30 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads, 6.25- Northern Life, 7.00-7.30 Knight Rider, 8.30 Newer The Twain, 9.00-9.30 The Bounder, 12.15am Jesus Is Lord, 12.20 Closedown

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From Peter Davenport, Manton Colliery, Yorkshire

In the pit entrance road, pickets had strung coloured Christmas streamers in bare branches of a tree, but it was the National Coal Board that had reason for seasonal cheer as coal was brought to the surface at Manton colliery yesterday. It was the first coal to be produced in Yorkshire

since the start of the pit strike. The 200 tons cut by the day shift working the PO I's face in the Parkgate seam may seem insignificant to a colliery that normally turns out about a million tons a year. But to the protagonists in the dispute, it vas an important psychological

To the board, which also

The men have no belly for the strike any longer

production at a second York-shire pit, it was successful second stage in its campaign to build on the drift back to work, its importance evidence by elaborate publicity for the first day of production.

To the Manton strikers who

have seen two-thirds of their number abandon the dispute, it was another body blow on a cold and fogbound morning.

But to the men cutting the coal 1,000 metres below ground, it was just a normal day's work. Reg Hopcroft, his face still

blackened with dust, was asked how he felt when the first nugget dropped on the conveyor belt taking coal to the surface. "I never thought about it", he said. "I was busy shovelling." Mr Hoperoft was one of 2,986 out of the area's 54,000 workforce who crossed picket Preparation work to resume

production at Manton began several weeks ago. Coal was also produced yesterday at the Riccall site in the Selby coalfield as a side product of driving new underground tun-

Coal board officials also expect Kellingley colliery, Bri-tain's biggest pit, and Wistow, also in the Selby field, to production

But it was at Manton that the Coal board concentrated its publicity efforts. The pit with 2 total workforce of just under 1.100 is in the board's south Yorkshire area although geogrphically it lies across the border in Nottinghamshire. It is the workplace of the two.

miners who began the first legal actions to get the strike declared unofficial. Mr Kenneth Foulstone and Mr Robert Taylor return to the High Court today in new legal moves to have a receiver put in charge of the Yorkshire union's aff-

airs.
Mr Foulstone was among the Manton 420 day shift men at Manton yesterday and later he said: Of course I am very pleased the lads have worked hard to get that coal. These men came ick to work not because of intimidation or violence which had been used to keep them out, but under their own steam.

"They are not happy with Arthur Scargil's handling of the strike and I believe the mood in the country is that the guts have gone out of it and the men have no belly for the strike But for most of the workers

yesterday it was not a day for celerbration: they were simply back doing their jobs. But the presense of 10 police vehicles in the pit yard and the mesh protected coaches to take the miners home proved that life is still far from normal.

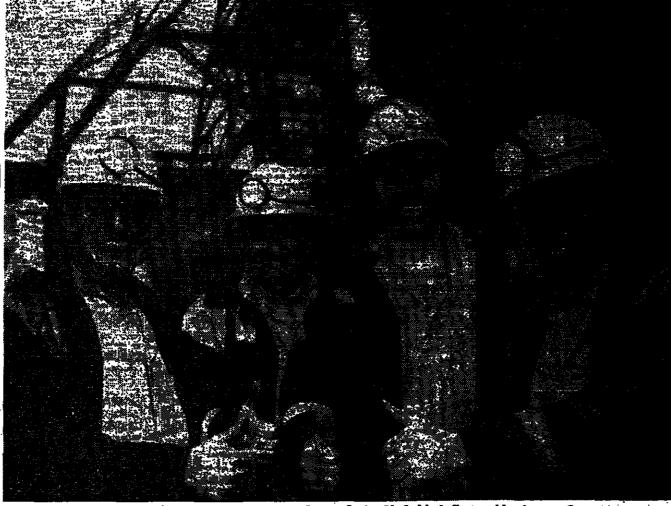
Manton has lost some 800,000 tons of coal production, valued at about £30m, since the strike began and the Yorkshire coalfield has lost 25

The pit manager Mr Joe Armishaw, who spent much of

It's disappointing... but it doesn't lessen our resolve striker

yesterday morning under-ground, said: "Do I really need say how I feel about restarting coal production? It is the reason we come to work, it is our normal job."

But Mr Frank Underwood treasurer of the local NUM branch, said: "Of course it's very disappointing that so many men have gone back and it was inevitable that sooner or later they would be able to start producing coal again. But it



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and suggested that the Government make social services departments responsible for paying for their licences. "The licence fee is particu-

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Letter from Tripoli

Tough justice from the 'lord mayor'

Sheith Saced Shabaan is a and four are civilians—they loquacious man with a far are from areas where most farmer's face and the selfconfidence of a lord mayor which is, in effect, what he is. After all, his "Islamic Unifi-cation" militia controls almost all of Tripoli, its black and green banners snapping in the sea breeze above the customs house; above the post office, above the town hall, above

The sheikh's men helped burn the Lebanese flag on Independence Day. They have told the local Christian schools to teach the Koran to their Muslim pupils. They raise their own taxes around the port. And they administer some rather tough justice as well kidnapping the oc-casional Christian demanding - sometimes successfully - the

execution of rival gunner.

In short, the good burghers of Tripoli pay quite a lot of attention to Sheikh Saced, for he is the sort of city father, one disregards at one's peril.

His brown robes, grey beard His brown robes, grey beard and red and white turban give him a scholarly air. Indeed, he has an impressive academic curriculum vitae — Al Azhar University in Cairo, Lebanese University in Baghdad, visiting the shrine of All at Najar and marking the shrine of the lebanese of the lebanese and marking the shrine of the lebanese and marking the lebanese and marking the lebanese and marking the lebanese and marking the lebanese and le

and meeting Ayatollah Khomeini in Qum.
You might be forgiven for thinking Sheikh Saeed was a Shia Muslim but he is in fact a Sunni, leading a Sunni Muslim revolution that is unique in the Arch pooled even it it is in the Arab world even it it is restricted by the ring road that cuts through the eastern suburbs of Tripoli. Last month he threatened to blow up bits of New York – especially the skyscrapers – because of United States support for Israel.
"I threatened the Ameri-

cans, who came with the [battleship] New Jersey to shell our cities and villages and who killed Muslims," he

As for matters nearer home – the kidnapping of Christians, for example – the Sheikh is equally unapologetic. The Christian Phalangists to the South of Tripoli have been turning back Muslims from the city who wanted to visit Beirut. The Phalan-gists kidnapped 40 people so we have detained 20 in two days in order to put pressure on the Phalange to release those who were kidnapped," he says. "Sixteen of the twenty are from the Lebanese Army

people support the Phalance" As for executions - why, the Sheikh's hands appear to be clean. Those unfortunates shot to death through the back of the head, he tells you, were responsible for a mass. the suburb of Mallouigh mass killing in which Sunni Muslims met their double. It was the Pro-Syrian Areb

Democratic Party which shot their own men for the crit requested their execution Indeed, justice seems dose to Sheikh Sacet Sheart "Tripoli," he says, "s a sewn which believes in the rights of all its people because so and justice come from the very heart of Islam - to which we true the people to adhere. The Christians live with us without any problems: They

haven't been driven out of their homes as the Muslims Fathor Anthony Shediyak director of the Christian Antonin School just beside Tripoli's ancient port, has a different view of Islamic justic Sheikh Saead's militia have asked him, ever so politely, to teach the Koran. They are putting pressure on us to teach Islamic studies

in our Christian schools," he says, "They told our leaders, Since you have Muslim students, you have to leach Islamic studies if you want to live in a Muslim town. We received two letters from them but we have not answered them.

In a city whose Muslims account for 85 per cent of the population, however, only 95 of Father Stediyak's 550 pupils are Christians. So perhaps Sheikh Saced has a point. "But isablers are Christians - so how can we teach Islams? Father Shediyak replies. "If the children want to learn the Koran, why don't they go to another school?" And so Tripoli slips further

into a miniature sectarian state. The Christians have rights and daties like all other citizens," Sheikh Saced says If they co-exist as good citizens, then we will stay the same. We have been septi-bours for the past centuries. But if they change and start conspiring with the Phalange against us then we will be

Robert Fisk

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements Prince Andrew attends the British charity premiere of the film Dune at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Sq.

Princess Margaret, President, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends a charity evening at the Olympia International Showjumping Championships, 6.50.

Princess Alexandra attends a charity performance of *The Adventures of Robin Hood* in aid of the Mental Health Foundation, Wood

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15 Harassed newspaperman forc-

16 Spend a long time on the

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22 It's not often gunners display

23 Quarrelsome old union leaders

25 Begin a voyage in Greater Manchester, say? (4).

26 Quote Lenin wrongly? Not in

27 Alumnus as acolyte, keeping an

2 No traces, possibly, of this old

3 Recovering to study the fragrance of the valley (12).

4 Played by Lawrence, maybe, in

speaking persuasively (8).

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no doubt (7).

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DOWN

in various vessels (12).

Street Police Station, London, EC2, 6.50.

Music
Cello recital by Colin Cart.

Service: Winchester Cathedral, /.
Carol concert by the Broadland Singers, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Norwich, 7.30.

Cello recital by Colin Carr, Holywell Music Room, Oxford, 8. Concert by the Argyle String Quartet, Central United Reformed Church, Argyle St. Bath, 7.30.
Concert by the Medici String
Quartet; Lancaster University, 7.30.
Concert by the Bournemouth

Symphony Orchestra; Colston Hall Bristol, 7.30. Christmas carols

King's School carol service, Canterbury Cathedral, 8. Peter Symonds' College carol

6 A degree for Gail, we hear, lucky

7 But he doesn't fly from Waikiki

place for the tall thin chap (8).

15 He may talk down through being

17 Where we may be landed to

19 Reminder of fellows in New

21 One who scarpers from a

Solution of Puzzle No 16,689

Japanese drama satisfactory for

York Opera's "Ring" (7).

Food substance or horse in

ancient language? Quite the

Law-breaker upset strangers? So

willingly (4).

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out of reach (8).

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ublicize wines (8).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,610

Christmas concert by the North-era Sinfonia; Newcastle City Hall, Christmas concert by the Band of

Taiks, lectures Norway through the seasons, by Horace Baxter, Carnegie Hail, Westhoughton, Bolton, 7.30. Art in Mexico, by Morris Grassie, Poldrate Mill, Haddington, Lothian,

HM Royal Marines; St. David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Strathclyde University carol service with the University Chorus

and Brass Ensemble; Glasgow Cathedral, 1.45.

Christmas fair: Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, 10 to 8. Exhibitions in progress

Drawings by Franc Caucig, 1755-1828, Fitzwilliam Museum, Univer-sity. Trumpingtons St. Cambridge, Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5. (ends Jan 27).
Paintings, drawings and photographs by Joan Eardley, City Art Centre, 2 Market St. Edinburgh,

Mon to Sat 10 to 5. (ends Dec 15). Mon to Sat 10 to 5. (ends Dec 15).

A Distant Prospect, aerial photography, Wakefield. Museum, Wood St. Wakefield, Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5. (ends

Revitalizing Glasgow, People's Palace Museum, Glasgow Green, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, (ends Paintings by Helen Pollock, MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr. Mon to Sat I I to 5. (ends

Theatre designs works by John Byrne, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park Ayr, Mon to Sat II to 5. (ends Jan 26).
Views of Stirling: Etchings by Mary-Louise Colouris, Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling, Wed to Sun 2 to 5. (ends Dec 30).

Illustrations of Antiquity, point.

Illustrations of Antiquity, paintings and drawings of ancient cites and antiquites, Randolph Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St. Oxford, Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4. (ends Jan 31).

Elements of Nature: Pictures of Earth, Air and Water, Elizabethan Exhibition Gallery, Brook St. Wakfield, Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30, and I. 0 to 5. (ends Dec 22). Tradition and Renewal: Contem porary art in the German Democratic Republic, Hatton Gallery Newcastle University: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4.30; (until Jan

Dinosaur Exhibition, Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens, York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 1 to 5; (until

75th Anniversary exhibition.
Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer
Road, Doncaster, Mon to Thurs 10
to 5. Sat 10 to 5. Sun 2 to 5; (until

Anniversaries Births William Dres Hawthornden, poet, Hawthornden, near Edinburgh, 1585; Heinrich Heine, poet, Dusseldorf, 1797.
Deaths: Donatello, sculptor,
Florence 1466: Sannel Johnson,
London, 1784: Wassily Kandlusky, abstract painter, Neuilly-sur-Seine,

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week HU FION A Carticle for Lisbowstz, by Walter Miller jun (Black Swan, £3.50). Brend X Fiction, A Parody Anthology, edited by William Zaranka (Picador, £2.95). Don Bueno, by Zulfikar Ghose (Black Swan £2.95). Like Birds, Like Fishes, by Ruth Prewer Jhabusia (Granada, £1.95).

Like Bards, Like Passes, by Hum Prewer Jranousia (Granaus, 2.1.95).
NON-FICTION
Black Lamb and Grey Falcon, by Rebecca West (Papermac, 28.95).
Brand X Poetry, A Parocky Anthology, edited by Wilson Zaranka (Picador, 22.95).
In My Mind's Eye, by Miohael Redigrave (Coronet 22.50).
Seven Deda Manifestos and Lampisteries, by Tristan Tzara (John Calder, 23.95)
The Incredible Voyage, by Tristan Jones (Triad Parither, 22.50).
The Selected Letters of Anton Chelchov, translated by Sidonie K Laderer, edited by
Lillan Heliman (Picador, 23.50).

The Midlands: A461: Roadworks on Wood Green Rd at Wednesbury their crusade against public spend-ing was worthwhile, long overdue and popular. Carrying it on with little or no regard for the consequences is unjust-and beart-

ary lights on the Dongellau to Bala Rd during working hours between Dollellau and Rhydymain. A394 Roadworks between Penryn and Helston, from Herniss to Rame. The north: Al: Roadworks Linkhall North Charlton, N of Alnwick.
Scotland: A93: Roadworks in

Main St. Bridgend between 9am and 4pm. City of Glasgow: Lane closures in Union St. between Gordon St and Argyle St.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Govern ment Bill, committee, second day.
Lords (3): Valerie Mary Hill and

Woodland report

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The Papers

Scargill's crazy camp.

Conservative?"

The Daily Mirror says: "There is

a simple question the Tory faithful of Southgate should ask themselves before they go out to vote today,

Why on earth should I vote

The paper adds: "In fact, there can hardly be a single person in Southgate who has any reason whatsoever to vote Tory today."

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Wales and West: A494: Tempor The Sus, commenting on the decision by Nottinghamshire miners to vote to convert their own area into a quasi-independent union, says: "The Nottingham men believe that if they can't replace their militant masters with moderates, the only answer is to wave goodbye." The paper adds: "Let's hope that other moderate coalifields will follow Nottingham out of

Information supplied by the AA

Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, in a new report, calls for a doubling of the amount of broadleaved woodland in Britain by planting trees on areas now producing surplus food. It also calls for an immediate ban

on the removal of woodland for farming or the replacement of broadleaved trees with conifers to protect wildlife. RSPB Reports Broadleaves in Britain - the RSPE View. Contact (0767) 80551 or (031 556 5624/9042).

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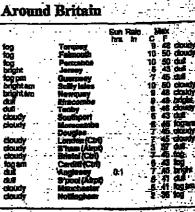
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